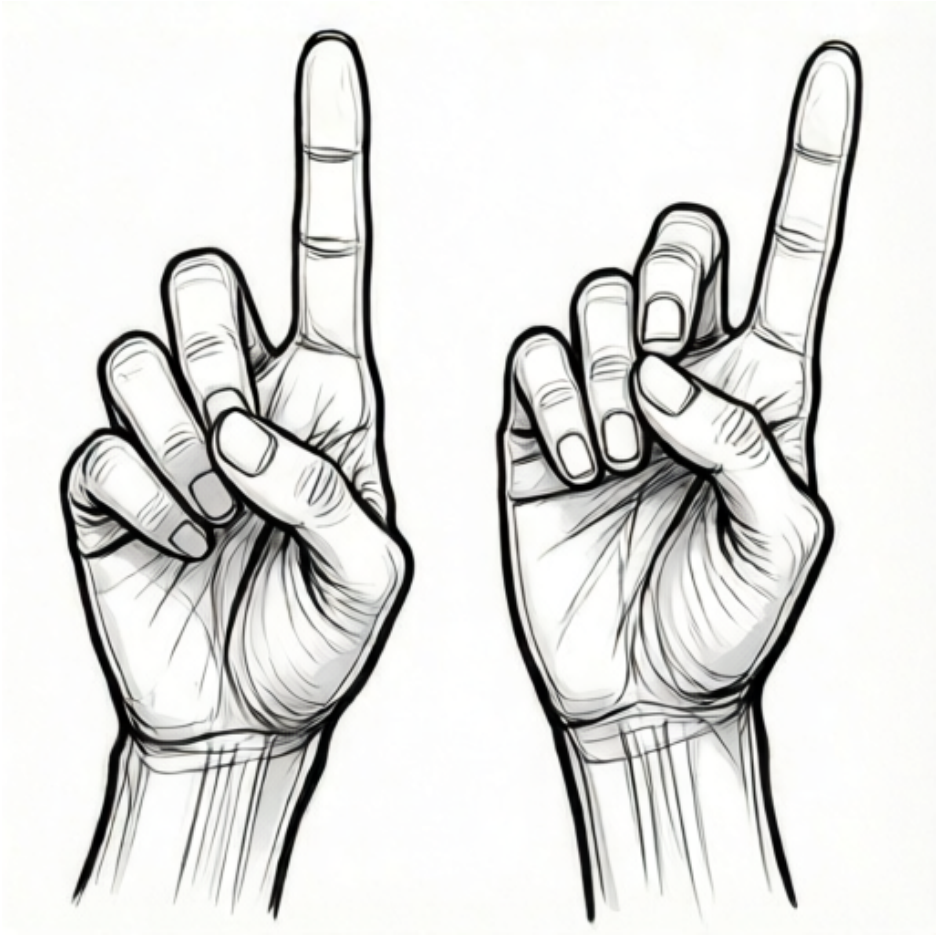
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Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

Draw a relaxed open hand facing palm-up. Use a gesture line from wrist to middle knuckle, block the palm, and construct four fingers and a thumb. Apply the convention: palm length is 1.5 times palm width; middle finger equals palm length; index and ring are 90 percent; pinky is 70 percent. Use hypothetical units: palm width 4 cm, so palm length 6 cm; middle finger 6 cm; index and ring 5.4 cm; pinky 4.2 cm.

Answer: First, draw a gentle curve from wrist to middle knuckle. Block the palm as a rounded trapezoid 4 cm wide and 6 cm long. Mark the knuckle line. Add a thumb base triangle at the side, lower than the knuckle line. Construct the middle finger as a tapered tube 6 cm long with three segments; index and ring 5.4 cm; pinky 4.2 cm. The thumb has two segments and angles toward the palm center. Keep joints soft. The hand reads as open and relaxed.