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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



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

A rounded form has a flow arrow curving from upper left to lower right. Draw three overlapping clumps along this arrow, then shade the gaps between them. Describe the clump shapes and where the darker values go.

Answer: Draw three tapered clumps that start near the upper left root and narrow toward the lower right tip. Each clump is wide at the root and narrow at the end, with two or three shorter strokes inside following the same taper. Leave small gaps between clumps. Shade the gaps and the root areas with a darker value, and keep the tips lighter. The clumps should overlap slightly but remain distinct, and the shading should sit between clumps rather than across their tips.