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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 student plans a 20 cm by 30 cm charcoal landscape (hypothetical dimensions). Sky target value 2, midground 3, foreground 4. After blending, the sky and midground merge visually. What is one valid adjustment and how do you check it?

Answer: Darken the midground from value 3 to value 4, or lighten the sky from value 2 to value 1. Then re-blend only the adjusted zone and perform the squint test. Record the change in the margin: 'midground 3 to 4, re-blended, squint test passed.'