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Prompt: Draw a miniature scene in a 7 cm by 5 cm frame. The focal object is a hypothetical cup drawn 2.5 cm tall. Add a teaspoon as a scale cue at 1.2 cm long and a surface line. Use lowercase lettering with x-height 0.4 cm for a tiny label. Describe the composition and check the ratios.

Answer: Frame: 7 cm by 5 cm. Focal cup: 2.5 cm tall, placed near the lower third line, 1.5 cm from the left edge. Teaspoon: 1.2 cm long, drawn at the same angle, placed 0.8 cm to the right of the cup. Surface line: a light horizontal line 0.5 cm below the cup base. Label: the word tea in lowercase, each letter from baseline to midline 0.4 cm. Margins: at least 1 cm empty on the right and top. Ratio check: 1.2 divided by 2.5 equals 0.48, so the spoon is about 48 percent of the cup height. This is a clear scale cue. The composition groups cup, spoon, and line in the lower-left area, leaving quiet space above and to the right.