Draw a Wolf: Head, Body, and Fur Direction Practice

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A student draws a body oval 15 cm long and a head circle 6 cm wide. Using the proportion rule that head circle width should be about one-third of body oval length, is the head too wide, too narrow, or correct? Show the arithmetic.

Answer: The head is too wide. One-third of 15 cm is 5 cm, so the head circle should be about 5 cm wide, not 6 cm.

Reason: Divide body oval length by three: 15 divided by 3 equals 5. Compare 6 cm to 5 cm; 6 is larger, so the head is too wide by 1 cm.

Check: Re-measure the body oval and head circle with a ruler, then divide body length by three and compare.

Task 2

A student draws a head circle 8 cm wide and a muzzle wedge 5 cm long. Using the rule that muzzle length should be about half the head circle width, is the muzzle too long, too short, or correct? Show the arithmetic.

Answer: The muzzle is too long. Half of 8 cm is 4 cm, so the muzzle should be about 4 cm long, not 5 cm.

Reason: Divide head circle width by two: 8 divided by 2 equals 4. Compare 5 cm to 4 cm; 5 is larger, so the muzzle is too long by 1 cm.

Check: Measure the head circle width, halve it, and compare to the measured muzzle length.

Task 3

A student adds fur strokes on the face that point from the muzzle toward the back of the head. According to the convention in this lesson, is this correct? If not, describe the correct direction.

Answer: No, it is not correct. Face strokes should run from the back of the head toward the muzzle, not the reverse.

Reason: The convention states that face fur strokes run from the back of the head toward the muzzle. Strokes pointing from muzzle to back of head break this convention and should be redrawn.

Check: Trace each face stroke with a finger and confirm it starts near the ear or back of head and ends toward the nose.

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Task 4

A student draws body fur strokes that run from the tail toward the shoulders. According to the convention, is this correct? If not, describe the correct direction and give one check method.

Answer: No, it is not correct. Body strokes should run from the shoulders toward the tail. A check method is to trace each stroke and confirm it starts near the shoulder and ends toward the hindquarters.

Reason: The convention states body fur strokes run from shoulders toward the tail. Strokes running from tail to shoulders reverse the direction and should be redrawn.

Check: Trace each body stroke with a finger; confirm start is near shoulder and end is toward tail. Also check that strokes follow the back curve.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head and body construction shapes are present and proportionally related (head circle about one-third body oval length).
- [ ] Muzzle wedge is tapered and about half the head circle width.
- [ ] Ears are triangular, set on top of the circle, and angled slightly outward.
- [ ] Eyes are almond-shaped and placed on the midline about one-third down from the top.
- [ ] Fur direction strokes follow the convention: face strokes from back of head to muzzle, body strokes from shoulder to tail, leg strokes downward.
- [ ] Fur strokes are short, tapered, evenly spaced, and do not cross randomly.
- [ ] The drawing reads clearly as a wolf when fur lines are covered.
- [ ] Valid alternative fur patterns are accepted if direction is consistent and follows the form.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?