Drawing a Crayfish: Segmented Body, Claws, and Antennae

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

On a 20 cm by 28 cm sheet, draw a crayfish facing left with a body length of 14 cm. The carapace is one third of the body length. How long is the carapace, and how much space remains along the body axis if the tail fan adds 2 cm?

Answer: Carapace length = 14 cm divided by 3, which is about 4.7 cm. Body plus tail fan = 14 cm + 2 cm = 16 cm. Space remaining along the 20 cm axis = 20 cm minus 16 cm = 4 cm. These values are hypothetical examples for planning the page.