Draw a Snarling Dog with Shadow and Expression

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a head oval 10 cm wide and 8 cm tall. Place the nose on the vertical midline, 2 cm above the lowest point of the oval, measured vertically. Draw two curved snarl-lines and three teeth per side. Add angled brows and a shadow crescent under each brow.

Answer: A head with a centered nose, two curved snarl-lines, three triangular teeth per side, angled brows, and a shadow crescent under each brow.

Reason: The snarl-line defines the crease, the teeth show the lifted lip, and the shadow crescent under the brow creates the scary eye socket.

Check: Measure vertically from the lowest point of the oval to the nose and confirm it is 2 cm, with the nose on the vertical midline. Count three teeth per side. Confirm each eye has a shadow crescent and the eye itself is light.

Task 2

Draw the same snarling dog but use a closed-mouth snarl. Lift the upper lip, show no teeth, and keep the shadow crescent under each brow. Add a shadow under the jaw.

Answer: A closed-mouth head with a lifted upper lip, no visible teeth, angled brows, shadow crescents under both brows, and a jaw shadow.

Reason: A closed-mouth snarl is a valid alternative if the lip lift and shadow cues remain. The expression depends on brows and shadow, not teeth alone.

Check: Confirm no teeth are drawn, the upper lip is lifted on both sides, and each eye has a shadow crescent. Check that the jaw shadow matches light from above.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

Draw a snarling dog head with a narrow eye slit instead of a round eye. Make the eye slit 1 cm from baseline to midline. Keep the snarl-line, three teeth per side, and a shadow crescent under each brow.

Answer: A head with a narrow eye slit measuring 1 cm from baseline to midline, three teeth per side, and a shadow crescent under each brow.

Reason: Eye shape can vary. The rubric accepts a narrow slit if the shadow crescent and angled brow are present. Stating the eye height makes the convention checkable.

Check: Measure the eye slit from baseline to midline and confirm it is 1 cm. Count three teeth per side and check the shadow crescent under each brow.

Task 4

Draw a snarling dog head and then run the cover tests. Cover the teeth and describe whether the brows and shadow still suggest a snarl. Cover the shadow and describe whether the teeth and brows still work.

Answer: A completed head with a written note for each cover test. The teeth-covered test should still suggest a snarl through brows and shadow. The shadow-covered test should still suggest a snarl through teeth and brows.

Reason: The cover tests check whether the expression is robust. If one cue is removed and the snarl disappears, that cue needs strengthening.

Check: Perform each cover test physically with a finger or paper. Record the result in one sentence per test. Confirm the snarl-line does not cross the tooth row.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Snarl-line is curved and connects nose bridge to outer mouth corner on both sides.
- [ ] Upper lip is lifted and three to five triangular teeth per side are visible.
- [ ] Each eye has a shadow crescent under the brow while the eye remains light.
- [ ] Brows are angled and shadow direction is consistent with light from above.
- [ ] Expression reads as a snarl when teeth or shadow are covered in the check tests.
- [ ] Valid alternatives such as a closed-mouth snarl or a narrow eye slit are accepted if the three cues remain.

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