Drawing Female Hair: Volume, Parting and Fall Lines

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A head oval is 5 cm wide and 7 cm tall. A side volume extends 2 cm beyond the oval on the left and 0 cm on the right. What is the volume width?

Answer: 5 + 2 + 0 = 7 cm.

Reason: Add the oval width and the extensions on both sides. The left extension is 2 cm and the right extension is 0 cm, so the total is 7 cm.

Check: Re-add the three values: 5 + 2 + 0 = 7. Confirm the units are centimeters.

Task 2

A comparison plate shows three styles. Style A has a center parting, Style B has a side parting, and Style C has a zigzag parting. A student says all three partings are the same. Is that correct?

Answer: No. Center, side and zigzag are three different parting types.

Reason: The parting line is a construction decision. Center, side and zigzag place the division on the scalp differently, so they are not the same.

Check: Look at each parting line and name its type. If the names differ, the partings differ.

Task 3

A student draws a volume outline that covers the face area. Which layer should be redrawn, and why?

Answer: The volume outline should be redrawn so it sits around the skull and leaves the face area clear.

Reason: The volume layer shows space occupied by hair around the head. Covering the face area breaks the convention and makes the construction unreadable.

Check: Trace the volume outline and confirm the face area is empty. If not, redraw the outline.

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Task 4

A new hairstyle uses a rounded volume 8 cm wide, a center parting, and fall lines that drop straight then flare. The comparison plate styles use inward, diagonal and straight-then-flare fall lines. Is the new style a valid alternative?

Answer: Yes, if the three layers remain distinguishable and the face area is clear.

Reason: The convention allows valid alternatives. The new style combines a volume width, a parting type and a fall direction, and it matches one fall direction already on the plate while remaining a deliberate combination.

Check: Confirm the volume is a closed outline, the parting is one darker line, at least three fall lines are labeled, and the face area is clear.

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- [ ] Volume shape is drawn as a closed outline around the skull and labeled.
- [ ] Parting line is drawn as a single darker line and identified as center, side or zigzag.
- [ ] At least three fall lines are drawn and labeled with direction.
- [ ] Face area remains clear in every style.
- [ ] Comparison plate shows three styles with different volume, parting or fall choices.
- [ ] New hairstyle uses the same three-layer method and includes a one-sentence description.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted if the three layers remain distinguishable.

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