Gesture and Contour Figure Drawing: Timed Practice with Six Poses

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Worked example / complete source key

A reference pose shows a standing figure leaning left, with the left arm reaching forward and the right arm hanging down. The left foot supports weight and the right foot is slightly behind. Draw a 30-second gesture and then describe one contour edge you would trace in a follow-up study.

Answer: Gesture: draw a central axis line tilting left from the neck to the pelvis. Add one line for the left arm reaching forward, one for the right arm hanging down, and one line for each leg. Mark the left foot as the anchor. Contour: in the follow-up study, trace the visible edge where the left arm crosses the torso, drawing the nearer arm edge across the farther torso edge.

Reason: The axis line captures the lean, limb lines capture reach and hang, and the anchor marks support. The contour choice records a visible overlap rather than a hidden edge.

Check: Confirm the gesture has an axis line, four limb lines, and one anchor mark within 30 seconds. Confirm the contour description names a visible overlap and draws the nearer edge across the farther one.