Draw a Boxer Dog: Body Build and Muzzle Construction

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A student draws a body box 9 cm wide and 10 cm tall using a 4 cm x-height. Is the body too narrow, too wide, or acceptable? Give a corrected width.

Answer: Too narrow. A boxer body should be about 3 x-heights wide, which is 12 cm. Corrected width: 12 cm.

Reason: 3 x-heights = 3 x 4 cm = 12 cm. The drawn width of 9 cm is only 2.25 x-heights, so it is too narrow for the compact build.

Check: Multiply the x-height by 3 and compare with the drawn width; adjust the box to match.

Task 2

Using a 5 cm x-height, a muzzle rectangle is drawn 4 cm wide and 3 cm deep. State whether the depth is acceptable and give a corrected depth.

Answer: Depth is too long. Acceptable depth is about half an x-height, so 2.5 cm. Corrected depth: 2.5 cm.

Reason: Half of 5 cm is 2.5 cm. The drawn depth of 3 cm exceeds this guide, making the muzzle look long.

Check: Divide the x-height by 2 and compare with the muzzle depth; shorten if needed.

Task 3

A head circle is 7.5 cm wide with a 5 cm x-height. The chest depth is 7.5 cm. Are the head width and chest depth consistent with the lesson's proportions? Explain.

Answer: Yes. Head width is 1.5 x-heights (7.5 cm) and chest depth is also 1.5 x-heights (7.5 cm), so they are consistent.

Reason: 1.5 x 5 cm = 7.5 cm for both. The lesson suggests head width about 1.5 x-heights and chest depth about 1.5 x-heights.

Check: Multiply the x-height by 1.5 and compare both measurements to the result.

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Original tasks 4 / complete keys

Task 4

A drawing has a muzzle 2 cm deep with a 4 cm x-height, but the nose is placed 1 cm back from the muzzle front. Describe the correction and the check.

Answer: Move the nose to the muzzle front. The muzzle depth of 2 cm is acceptable (half an x-height), but the nose should sit at the front edge, not 1 cm back.

Reason: The lesson places the nose at the front of the muzzle rectangle. A recessed nose weakens the blunt muzzle shape.

Check: Trace the muzzle rectangle front edge and confirm the nose triangle touches it.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Body box is roughly square in profile, about 3 x-heights wide and 2.5 x-heights tall.
- [ ] Chest is deep and back is level with a slight belly tuck.
- [ ] Neck is short and thick, connecting head and torso without a gap.
- [ ] Muzzle is short, broad, and blunt, about half an x-height deep.
- [ ] Nose and mouth line are placed at the muzzle front and read clearly.
- [ ] Head width is about 1.5 x-heights and proportional to chest depth.
- [ ] Legs are sturdy and aligned under the body; front legs straight, hind legs slightly bent.
- [ ] Construction lines are erased or light, and final outline is clean.
- [ ] No fur texture or full scene context is included.
- [ ] Valid alternatives in ear style and exact stance are accepted if proportions remain clear.

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