Easy Wolf Face Drawing: Muzzle, Ears, and Eye Placement

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

On a 15 cm by 20 cm sheet, draw a wolf face oval 9 cm tall and 6 cm wide. Mark the eye line 4.5 cm from the top. Place the nose 2 cm below the eye line. Describe where the muzzle top points go if the muzzle top is 3 cm wide at the eye line.

Answer: The muzzle top points go 1.5 cm left and 1.5 cm right of the center line on the eye line. Connect each to the nose point 2 cm below the eye line.

Reason: A 3 cm wide muzzle top centered on the vertical line splits into 1.5 cm on each side. The nose is on the center line below the eye line, so the wedge narrows downward.

Check: Measure the distance between the two muzzle top points; it should be about 3 cm. Check that the nose point is on the center line and 2 cm below the eye line.

Task 2

Draw a wolf face with an oval 8 cm tall and 6 cm wide. Place ear bases 1 cm below the top and 2 cm left and right of center. Each ear is a triangle with a 2 cm base and 3 cm height. Where are the ear tips relative to the oval top?

Answer: Each ear tip is about 2 cm above the oval top if the ear rises 3 cm from a base 1 cm below the top. The tips are outward from the center by about 2 cm.

Reason: The base is 1 cm below the top, and the ear height is 3 cm, so the tip is 3 cm minus 1 cm equals 2 cm above the top. The base is 2 cm from center, so the tip stays on that side.

Check: Measure from the oval top to each ear tip; it should be about 2 cm. Check that the ear bases are on the upper sides, not at the top center.

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Task 3

A student draws eyes 1.5 cm from the center line on a face oval 6 cm wide. The eyes are 1 cm wide. Is the spacing between the eyes close to one eye width? Explain.

Answer: The spacing between eye centers is 3 cm, which is three eye widths, not one. To make the gap between the inner edges close to one eye width, place eye centers about 1 cm from the center line, giving 2 cm between centers and a 1 cm gap between inner edges for 1 cm-wide eyes.

Reason: Spacing between centers equals 1.5 cm plus 1.5 cm equals 3 cm. One eye width is 1 cm, so 3 cm is three widths. Moving each center to 1 cm from the center line gives 2 cm between centers; with 1 cm-wide eyes, each inner edge is 0.5 cm from the center line, leaving a 1 cm gap equal to one eye width.

Check: Measure the distance between eye centers and compare it to the eye width. For this convention, the gap between the inner edges of the eyes should be roughly equal to one eye width, about 1 cm when the eye is 1 cm wide and centers are 1 cm from the center line.

Task 4

Draw a wolf face using the convention, then add three short fur strokes on each cheek. A cheek fur stroke is 1 cm long and angled downward. Describe how you check that the fur does not hide the muzzle or eye placement.

Answer: Place the fur strokes on the lower sides of the oval, outside the muzzle wedge and below the eyes. Check that the muzzle outline and eye line are still visible after adding fur.

Reason: Fur strokes should support the face shape, not cover the construction guides. Keeping them on the cheeks and away from the muzzle and eyes preserves the readable wolf face.

Check: Look at the drawing from about 30 cm away. The muzzle wedge, nose, and eyes should still be clear. If fur crosses the muzzle top or eye line, move or shorten those strokes.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Face oval is taller than wide and centered on the vertical guide.
- [ ] Eye line is horizontal and placed about halfway down the oval.
- [ ] Muzzle is a wedge that starts between the eyes and narrows toward the nose.
- [ ] Nose sits at the narrow end of the muzzle, below the eye line.
- [ ] Ears are set on the upper sides of the oval, not at the top center.
- [ ] Eyes sit on or near the eye line and are roughly level.
- [ ] Fur strokes and shading support the face without hiding the construction.
- [ ] Valid alternatives: rounded ear tips, wider or narrower muzzle, rounder eyes, and different fur length are acceptable if placement and proportion remain clear.

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