Drawing a Lobster: Segmented Body, Claws, and Antennae

Topic reference / ordinary illustration



Ordinary topic reference. Hypothetical dimensions in the four tasks are supplied in their own text; this illustration is not their measured answer.

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Worked example / complete source key

A learner draws a lobster on a 12 cm body axis using the 2:3:1 ratio. The cephalothorax is 4 cm, the abdomen is 6 cm, and the tail fan is 2 cm. The learner draws a claw 1.5 cm long. Is the claw close to the suggested one-third cephalothorax length?

Answer: One-third of 4 cm is about 1.33 cm. A 1.5 cm claw is slightly long but within a reasonable adjustment range. The learner can shorten it to about 1.3 cm or keep it if the overall proportion still reads clearly.