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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 side-view horse head has a head unit of 15 cm. The eye is marked 5 cm below the poll. The distance from the eye to the poll is 7 cm and from the eye to the muzzle front is 8 cm. Is the eye placement acceptable under the convention, and what adjustment would you make?

Answer: The eye line at 5 cm below the poll is exactly one third of 15 cm, so the vertical placement matches the convention. The horizontal check compares 7 cm and 8 cm; the difference is 1 cm, which is less than one tenth of the head unit (1.5 cm), so the placement is acceptable. No adjustment is needed, but you could move the eye 0.5 cm toward the muzzle to make the two distances equal if you want a stricter check.