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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 student draws a neutral eye with a 6 cm eye reference line, an upper lid peak 2 cm above the eye reference line, and a lower lid dip 0.5 cm below. They want an angry version with the same corners. Describe the measurements and placement they should use.

Answer: Keep the inner and outer corners at the same points. Draw the angry upper lid with a highest point about 1.2 cm above the eye reference line, and keep the lower lid dip at about 0.8 cm below the eye reference line, so the iris bottom sits at the lower lid. This gives an angry upper-lid rise of about 1.2 cm compared with the neutral 2 cm, a 40 percent reduction. Draw the brow from about 1.5 cm above the inner corner up to about 2 cm above the outer corner, so the brow is lower at the inner side and stays above the lid. Shift the iris center 0.5 cm toward the inner corner, keep the iris about 1.6 cm wide, shift the pupil 0.2 cm inward, and add a 0.3 cm glare circle near the upper pupil edge on the outer side.