Fursuit Drawing Base: Head and Body Shape Guides

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A base plate has a head zone 3 cm tall and a body zone 9 cm tall. The learner draws a head shape 3 cm tall and a body mass 8 cm tall. Does the base pass the fit check? Explain.

Answer: Yes. The head shape equals its zone (3 cm = 3 cm), and the body mass is smaller than its zone (8 cm < 9 cm).

Reason: Compare each drawn shape to its zone using the same unit. Equal or smaller passes. The head is equal and the body mass is smaller, so both fit.

Check: Measure the head shape and head zone; confirm 3 cm is not greater than 3 cm. Measure the body mass and body zone; confirm 8 cm is not greater than 9 cm.

Task 2

A learner places ear marks 1 cm outside the head zone. The head zone is 4 cm wide. What is one fix that keeps the ear marks inside the zone?

Answer: Move each ear mark inward by at least 1 cm so both marks sit inside the 4 cm head zone.

Reason: The ear marks are outside the zone by 1 cm. Moving them inward by 1 cm or more places them inside. The fix uses the same unit and checks the actual drawing.

Check: Measure from each ear mark to the nearest head zone edge. Confirm the distance is zero or inward, not outward.

Task 3

A body mass is 10 cm wide and centered under a head zone that is 6 cm wide. The learner draws limb guides that start 2 cm outside the body mass on each side. What is one fix?

Answer: Move the limb guide start points inward so they touch or start inside the body mass edges.

Reason: Limb guides should connect to the body mass. Starting 2 cm outside leaves a gap. Moving the start points inward closes the gap and keeps the guides connected.

Check: Measure the gap between each limb guide start point and the nearest body mass edge. Confirm the gap is zero.

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Task 4

A learner wants a longer tail but the tail guide crosses a limb guide. The body mass is 8 cm wide and the tail guide is 6 cm long. Suggest one change and one check.

Answer: Move the tail guide to the back center of the body mass and angle it away from the limb guides. Check that the tail guide does not overlap any limb guide.

Reason: The tail guide should be clear of limb guides. Moving it to the back center and angling it away reduces overlap. The check confirms no crossing.

Check: Trace each limb guide and the tail guide with a finger. Confirm they do not cross. Measure the tail length if needed and keep the same unit.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head shape fits inside the head zone.
- [ ] Ear marks are inside the head zone and clearly labeled.
- [ ] Body mass is centered below the head zone.
- [ ] Four limb guides connect to the body mass.
- [ ] Tail guide is at the back and does not cross limb guides.
- [ ] Labels are readable using the x-height convention.
- [ ] At least one ear or tail variation is shown.
- [ ] All measurements use the same unit.

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