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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 front-view buffalo head is drawn on a grid where the skull oval is 6 squares wide. The horn span is chosen as 1.6 times the skull width. How many squares wide is the horn span, and where is the eye placed?

Answer: The horn span is 6 times 1.6 equals 9.6 squares wide. For the eye, first find the half-width: half of 6 is 3 squares from the outer edge to the midline. One-third of 3 is 1, so the eye sits about 1 square in from the outer edge, on the horizontal midline.