Remora Drawing: Sucker Disc and Fin Placement

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 remora 15 cm long. The head zone is 5 cm. Where should the sucker disc start and end, and where should the long dorsal fin begin? Use hypothetical measurements.

Answer: The sucker disc starts about 0.5 cm behind the mouth and ends about 4.5 cm from the snout, near the gill line. The long dorsal fin begins about 5 cm from the snout, above the rear of the disc. Check that the disc does not reach the pectoral fins, which attach just behind the gill line.

Reason: The head is one-third of the body, so 15 cm divided by 3 is 5 cm. The disc occupies most of the head's underside but stops before the gill line. The long dorsal fin begins above the rear of the disc.

Check: Measure from the snout: disc start 0.5 cm, disc end 4.5 cm, long dorsal fin start 5 cm. Confirm the disc end is before the pectoral fin attachment.