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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 learner draws a skyline on a 20 cm by 15 cm frame. The tallest landmark is planned at a height-to-width ratio of 3:1 and a width of 2 cm. The far band is drawn at light pressure, the middle band at medium pressure, and the near band at firm pressure. The near band overlaps the middle band by 1 cm. Check the planned landmark height and the layering logic.

Answer: The planned landmark height is 3 times 2 cm, which equals 6 cm. The frame height is 15 cm, so the landmark fits with 9 cm remaining for sky, ground, and margins. The layering is logical because the far band is lightest, the middle band is medium, and the near band is firm and overlaps the middle band. The 1 cm overlap clearly shows the near band in front.