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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 measures an x-height unit of 5 mm. They draw a moustache 20 mm wide and 10 mm deep, and a beard side panel 15 mm wide. Convert each measurement to units and state which shape is deeper relative to its width.

Answer: Moustache width is 20 divided by 5 equals 4 units; depth is 10 divided by 5 equals 2 units. Beard side panel width is 15 divided by 5 equals 3 units. The moustache depth-to-width ratio is 2 to 4, or 0.5; the beard panel has no depth given, so only its width is comparable. The moustache is the shape with a stated depth, and its depth is half its width.