Draw a Bear: Standing and Roaring Poses with Body Proportions

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 bear standing side view has a head oval 3 cm long. Using the lesson proportions, find the expected spine length and shoulder height, and state one check.

Answer: Spine length is about 2 HL = 6 cm. Shoulder height is about 1.5 HL = 4.5 cm. Check: measure the drawn spine and confirm it is close to 6 cm before adding limbs.

Reason: Multiply head length by the proportion factors: 3 cm x 2 = 6 cm for spine, and 3 cm x 1.5 = 4.5 cm for shoulder height. These are hypothetical values for practice.

Check: Use a ruler to measure the spine line and shoulder height on your drawing; compare to 6 cm and 4.5 cm within a small tolerance you choose and record.