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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 guide shows a blackbird body oval 10 cm wide and 5 cm tall. The baseline-to-midline distance is 2 cm. The beak is 2 cm long. The wing tip is 1 cm above the tail base. Draw the bird and check the proportions.

Answer: The body is 10 cm wide and 5 cm tall. The x-height is 2 cm, so the eye sits 2 cm above the baseline. The beak is 2 cm, which is one-fifth of the 10 cm body width. The wing tip is 1 cm above the tail base. The tail points opposite the beak. These checks confirm the construction.