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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

On a 200 mm-wide page, draw a pasture scene with a horizon at mid-page, a vanishing point 60 mm right of center, a nearest post 40 mm tall, and a grazing animal whose body length is about 50 mm standing behind the fence in the middle ground.

Answer: Horizon line drawn at 100 mm from the top. Vanishing point marked on the horizon, 60 mm right of center. Nearest post base placed 30 mm from the left edge and 20 mm below the horizon; post drawn 40 mm tall. Guide line run from that base to the vanishing point. Two farther posts added along the guide at roughly 60 mm and 100 mm from the first, each about 30 mm and 22 mm tall. Animal foot-mark placed 80 mm from the left edge and 35 mm below the horizon, behind the fence line. Body box 50 mm long and 20 mm tall, head box lowered to within 10 mm of the ground, four leg lines ending on the foot-mark. Fence posts drawn before the animal so posts overlap its body. Foreground grass strokes dark and long; background tree line light and short.