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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

Draw a standing generic primate with a head height of 2 cm. Use the lesson proportions to determine torso height, arm length, and leg length, and state where the eye line and nose base sit on the head.

Answer: Head height = 2 cm. Torso height = 2 head heights = 4 cm. Arm length (shoulder to wrist) = 2.5 head heights = 5 cm. Leg length (hip to ankle) = 2 head heights = 4 cm. Eye line is at the head's midpoint, 1 cm from the top. Nose base is at two-thirds of head height from the top, about 1.33 cm down. Mouth line is halfway between nose base and chin, about 1.67 cm from the top.