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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 side-profile lip drawing has a lower lip height of 2.0 cm. Using the hypothetical ratio upper lip height = 0.7 times lower lip height, calculate the expected upper lip height and state one contour check.

Answer: Expected upper lip height = 0.7 × 2.0 cm = 1.4 cm. Contour check: the frontmost upper lip point should sit above the midline by about 1.4 cm, and the corner should be behind the frontmost lip point.