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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 learner draws a banana with a centerline that bows downward, a fuller left side, and three ridge lines. The light is from the upper right. Describe a shading plan using values 1 to 5 and a check for realism.

Answer: Keep the upper-right side of the body at value 1 or 2. Shade the lower-left side and the gaps between ridges at value 3. Add value 4 at the tip and a small value 3 near the stem. Check that the ridge lines bow with the centerline and fade near both ends. Squint: the lit side should read lighter than the shadow side, and the tip should be the darkest small zone.