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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 flower with six petals sits on a page. The light-source arrow is at the top-left pointing down-right. Petal A faces the arrow directly, petal B is turned sideways, and petal C faces away. Describe the zones and the cast shadow direction.

Answer: Petal A has a wide light zone on its upper-left edge, a mid zone across the middle and a narrow dark zone on its lower-right edge. Petal B has a thin light strip on its upper-left edge, a broad mid zone and a dark zone on its lower-right side. Petal C has a very narrow light edge, a small mid zone and a wide dark zone facing away from the arrow. The cast shadow extends toward the bottom-right, darkest at the flower base and fading outward, with a clear gap on the upper-left light side.