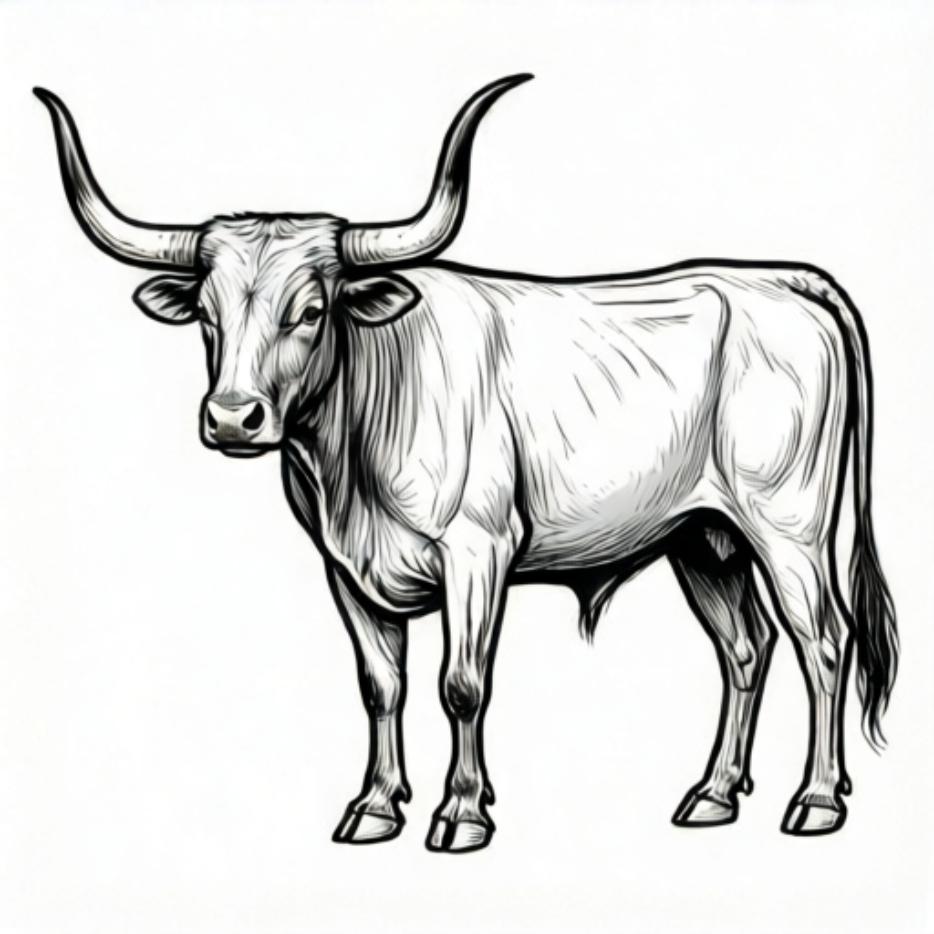
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Topic reference / ordinary illustration



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 student draws a longhorn on a 20 cm wide page. They choose a hypothetical horn spread of 12 cm and a head height of 3 cm. The torso is drawn 8 cm long and 4.5 cm deep. Legs are 4 cm long. Check the proportions and state one adjustment.

Answer: Horn spread 12 cm leaves 2 cm margin on each side, which is acceptable. Torso length 8 cm is shorter than the 12 cm spread, so the torso is too short. Torso depth 4.5 cm equals one and a half head heights, which is acceptable. Legs 4 cm are close to torso depth, acceptable. Adjustment: extend torso length to more than 12 cm and no more than 18 cm (one and a half times the spread), then recheck leg placement.