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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 practice box is 20 cm wide and 15 cm high. The baseline is 10 cm from the top and the midline is 6 cm from the top. Draw a crib, one figure and two animals using the x-height guide, with crib width about two x-heights and crib height about one and a half x-heights.

Answer: The x-height is 10 minus 6 equals 4 cm. The crib width is about 2 times 4 equals 8 cm, and the crib height is about 1.5 times 4 equals 6 cm. Place the crib centred with its base near the baseline. The figure's feet touch the baseline and the head sits near the midline, so the figure is about 4 cm tall. Each animal body is about 4 cm long and each head about 2 cm high. Put one animal behind the crib and one to the side. Check that the crib remains visible and both animals are distinguishable.