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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 10 cm stem with four leaves and one simple spiral curl. The stem is 0.5 cm thick, leaves are 2 cm long, and the curl diameter is 3 cm. Identify one balance issue and suggest a fix using the lesson convention.

Answer: The curl is larger than the leaves (3 cm versus 2 cm), which can dominate the motif. Reduce the curl diameter to about 2 cm, close to leaf length, and keep the stem thickness at about one-quarter of the x-height. This restores balance without changing the construction logic.