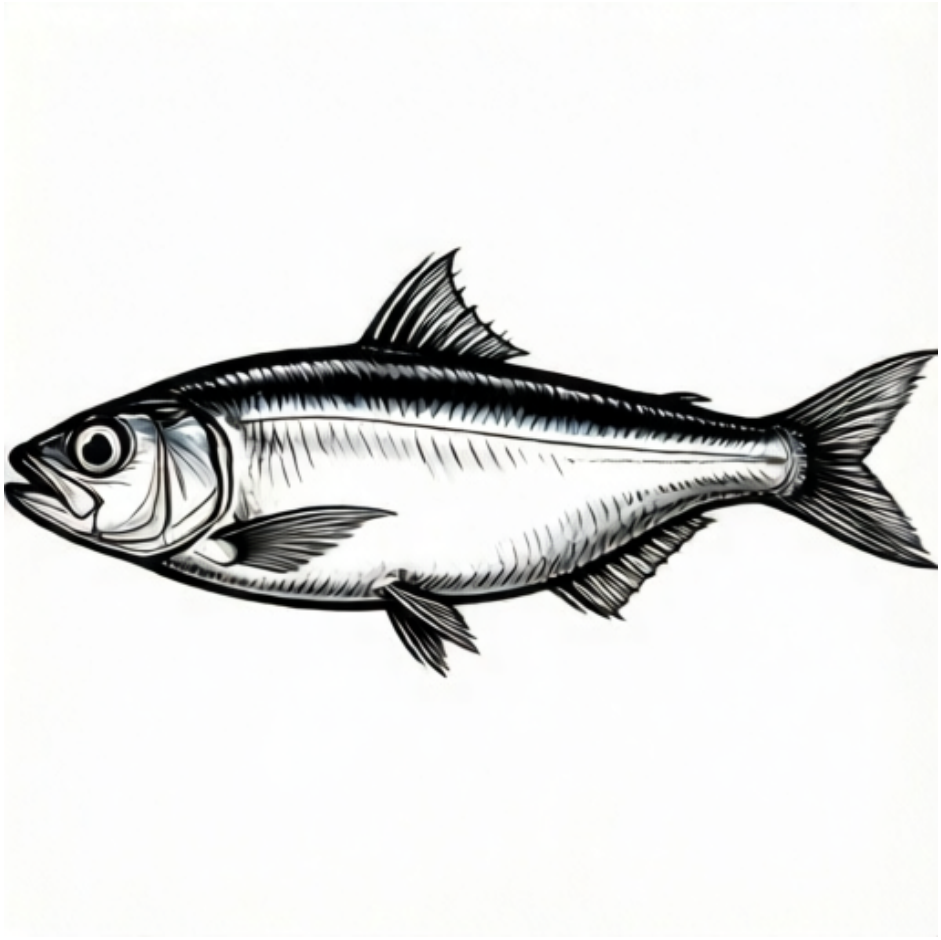
Draw an Anchovy: Body Curve and Fin Placement Guide

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

Draw an anchovy on a 12 cm body length with an x-height of 2.5 cm. Place the dorsal fin front at 40 percent and rear at 60 percent, the anal fin front at 65 percent and rear at 80 percent, and the pectoral base at 20 percent below the midline. Describe the steps and the final check.

Answer: Draw a 12 cm baseline and a midline 2.5 cm above it. Mark nose at 0 cm and tail base at 12 cm. Sketch a smooth curve dipping about 1.2 cm below the midline at the midpoint and rising to the tail base. Mark dorsal fin front at 4.8 cm and rear at 7.2 cm along the top curve; draw a low triangular fin about 1.2 cm high. Mark anal fin front at 7.8 cm and rear at 9.6 cm along the bottom curve; draw a similar fin below. Mark pectoral base at 2.4 cm from the nose, 1.2 cm below the midline; draw a narrow fin angled back and down about 2.5 cm long. Draw a forked tail with two 2.5 cm points and a shallow notch. Check that the curve stays within 2.5 cm of the midline, fins are in their zones, and the tail fork is symmetrical.