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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

Draw a snow globe on a 15 cm tall page area. Use a base height of 5 cm and a dome height of 10 cm. The base width is 8 cm and the dome width at the rim is 7 cm. Place a small house inside with a roof peak 3 cm above the base rim. Describe the steps and checks.

Answer: Draw a vertical center line 15 cm tall. Mark the bottom at 0 cm, the base rim at 5 cm, and the dome top at 15 cm. Draw a shallow ellipse at 5 cm with width 8 cm. Draw the base sides down to a bottom arc at 0 cm. Draw the dome arc from the rim edges (7 cm apart) to the top at 15 cm. Draw a light floor line at 5.5 cm. Place the house center at the middle, with its base on the floor line and roof peak at 8.5 cm (3 cm above the rim). Check that the house width is less than the dome width at 8.5 cm; if the dome width there is about 6 cm, keep the house under 4 cm wide. Add one small tree to the side, leaving at least 1 cm gap to the dome edge. Add one side highlight and one top highlight on the dome. Check that the base top ellipse is shallow and that the dome is not shaded solid.