Funny Cartoon Animal Drawing: Exaggeration and Expression Swaps

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a funny cartoon dog in a 10 cm by 8 cm box with midline at 3 cm. Exaggerate the nose to double size and use a happy expression.

Answer: Body oval 5 cm wide and 3 cm tall on the baseline. Head circle 4 cm wide crossing the midline. Nose drawn as a circle 2 cm wide (double the normal 1 cm). Happy expression: upward mouth curve and relaxed eyebrows. Four legs to the baseline.

Reason: The body stays within the x-height, the head crosses the midline, and the nose is doubled from 1 cm to 2 cm, giving a 2:1 ratio.

Check: Measure the nose: 2 cm divided by 1 cm equals 2. Confirm the body sits on the baseline and the head crosses the midline.

Task 2

Draw the same dog head three times with expression swaps: happy, surprised, and grumpy. Keep the exaggerated nose unchanged.

Answer: Three identical head circles with a 2 cm nose. Happy: upward mouth curve and relaxed eyebrows. Surprised: wide circle eyes and small o mouth. Grumpy: downward slanted eyebrows and flat mouth.

Reason: Only eyebrows, eyes, and mouth change, so the expression swap is clear while the exaggerated feature stays constant.

Check: Compare the three heads: the nose must be the same size in all three, and only the expression parts differ.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

Draw a funny cartoon rabbit with exaggerated ears 8 cm tall and a grumpy expression in a 12 cm by 9 cm box with midline at 4 cm.

Answer: Body oval 6 cm wide and 4 cm tall on the baseline. Head circle 5 cm wide crossing the midline. Ears as tall ovals 8 cm high (double the normal 4 cm). Grumpy expression: downward slanted eyebrows and flat mouth. Four legs to the baseline.

Reason: The ears are doubled from 4 cm to 8 cm, and the grumpy expression uses only eyebrow and mouth changes.

Check: Measure the ears: 8 cm divided by 4 cm equals 2. Confirm the body is on the baseline and the head crosses the midline.

Task 4

Draw a funny cartoon bird with an exaggerated beak 4 cm wide and a surprised expression in a 10 cm by 8 cm box with midline at 3 cm.

Answer: Body oval 5 cm wide and 3 cm tall on the baseline. Head circle 4 cm wide crossing the midline. Beak as a triangle 4 cm wide (double the normal 2 cm). Surprised expression: wide circle eyes and small o mouth. Two legs to the baseline.

Reason: The beak is doubled from 2 cm to 4 cm, and the surprised expression uses wide eyes and a small o mouth.

Check: Measure the beak: 4 cm divided by 2 cm equals 2. Confirm the body sits on the baseline and the head crosses the midline.

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- [ ] Body sits on the baseline and head crosses the midline.
- [ ] One feature is exaggerated to at least twice its normal size.
- [ ] Expression swap changes only eyebrows, eyes, and mouth.
- [ ] Simple shapes are used instead of realistic anatomy.
- [ ] Measurements are checked with a ruler and units are consistent in centimeters.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?