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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 child's face on a 10 cm by 12 cm oval. Place the eye line at the vertical midpoint, the nose line halfway between the eye line and chin, and the mouth line one-third from the nose line to the chin. Use eyes each 2 cm wide with a 2 cm gap. Describe the construction and a check.

Answer: Draw the oval 10 cm wide and 12 cm high. Mark the eye line at 6 cm from the top. Mark the nose line at 9 cm from the top (halfway between 6 cm and 12 cm). Mark the mouth line at 10 cm from the top (one-third of the 3 cm distance from nose line to chin). Draw two eyes on the eye line, each 2 cm wide, with a 2 cm gap, centered. Add a small nose at the nose line and a mouth on the mouth line. Check: eye line at 6 cm, nose line at 9 cm, mouth line at 10 cm, eye widths 2 cm, gap 2 cm. All units are centimeters.