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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

Construct a falcon head profile using a head length of 9 units. Place the eye and beak using the one-third rule, then check the proportions.

Answer: Draw a horizontal axis and a skull oval 9 units long and about 6 units tall. Mark the baseline at the bottom of the lower beak and the midline through the eye center. Place the eye on the midline 3 units back from the front of the face (one-third of 9). Draw the beak base in front of the eye, curve the hook downward and slightly back, and add the lower beak under the hook. Smooth the forehead and back of the head, then add light feather strokes. Check: head length 9 is greater than head height 6; eye-to-beak distance is 3, which is one-third of 9; the eye is behind the beak base and above the mouth line.