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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 jungle tree on a hypothetical 21 by 29 cm sheet. Use an 18 cm tree height, a branch fork at two-thirds height, three canopy layers, and two hanging vines. Describe the layer order and vine support points.

Answer: Draw a light trunk from a wide base to a narrow top at 18 cm. Place the main fork at about 12 cm from the base. Sketch the back canopy layer as the widest band near the top, the middle layer overlapping its lower third, and the front layer lowest and smallest. Mark two support points: one on a main branch and one under the middle layer. Draw each vine as a single gentle curve to a tapered tip, with one vine ending inside the canopy and one hanging below the front layer. Check that the front layer overlaps the middle and the middle overlaps the back.