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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

A learner draws a stingray with a 12 cm horizontal body axis and marks half-widths of 4 cm on each side at the widest point. They shade the fin edges darkest and the midline lightest. Identify two problems and state one correction for each.

Answer: Problem one: the fin span is 8 cm, which is less than the 12 cm body length, so the body looks too narrow for a flat stingray. Correction: increase each half-width to about 5 cm so the span is 10 cm, still a hypothetical example, and re-check with a ruler. Problem two: the shading gradient is reversed. Correction: keep the fin edges light and increase stroke density toward the body midline.