Describe and Draw: Partner Picture Pairs from Written Prompts

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

Description: In a 10 cm by 10 cm frame, a circle sits in the centre, about 3 cm across. A square sits to the right of the circle, about 2 cm wide. A line runs along the bottom edge. Draw the scene and state one check you would make.

Answer: A 10 cm by 10 cm frame with a 3 cm circle in the centre, a 2 cm square to the right of the circle, and a line along the bottom edge. Check: measure the circle across its widest point and confirm about 3 cm.

Reason: The description gives frame size, two objects with positions and sizes, and one edge feature. Each can be checked with a ruler.

Check: Measure the frame, the circle diameter, and the square width. Confirm the square is right of the circle and the line touches the bottom edge.

Task 2

Description: In a 14 cm by 10 cm frame, a triangle sits in the top left, about 4 cm tall. A rectangle sits in the lower right, about 5 cm wide and 2 cm tall. A dot is at the centre. Draw the scene and list the three checklist items you would mark.

Answer: A 14 cm by 10 cm frame with a 4 cm tall triangle in the top left, a 5 cm by 2 cm rectangle in the lower right, and a dot at the centre. Checklist items: shape, position, size.

Reason: The description names three objects with positions and sizes. The checklist separates shape, position, and size so each can be marked.

Check: Measure the triangle height, the rectangle width and height, and confirm the dot is at the centre. Mark shape, position, and size for each object.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

Partner-swap: write a description for a 12 cm by 8 cm frame containing a house, a tree, and a sun. Include one size for each object and one label with x-height 1 cm. Then draw your own description and check it.

Answer: Example description: In a 12 cm by 8 cm frame, a house sits in the lower middle, about 4 cm wide. A tree stands to the left of the house, about 3 cm tall. A sun is in the top right corner, about 2 cm across. Label 'SUN' below the sun with letters 1 cm from baseline to midline. Drawing follows the description; check each size with a ruler and confirm the label x-height.

Reason: Writing then drawing your own description tests whether the words are specific enough to be checked. The label uses the stated x-height convention.

Check: Measure the frame, house width, tree height, sun width, and label x-height. Confirm positions: house lower middle, tree left of house, sun top right.

Task 4

Description: In a 12 cm by 12 cm frame, a star sits in the top left, about 2 cm across. A moon sits in the top right, about 3 cm across. A hill runs across the lower third of the frame. Draw the scene, then note one valid alternative for the star's shape.

Answer: A 12 cm by 12 cm frame with a 2 cm star in the top left, a 3 cm moon in the top right, and a hill across the lower third. Valid alternative: the star may be drawn as a five-point star or as a simple cross shape if the description does not specify.

Reason: The description gives positions and sizes but not exact shapes for the star, so more than one shape can match the words. The hill is a position feature across the lower third.

Check: Measure the star and moon across their widest points. Confirm the hill crosses the lower third. Mark shape as 'matches description or valid alternative'.

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- [ ] Shape: each object's outline matches the description or a valid alternative.
- [ ] Position: each object is placed using the stated reference words.
- [ ] Size: each stated size is within a reasonable checkable range of the description.
- [ ] Label: any lettering meets the stated x-height convention from baseline to midline.
- [ ] Checklist: shape, position, and size are marked separately for each object.
- [ ] Feedback: at least one specific match and one specific mismatch are noted.

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