Skull Contour Drawing: Single-Line and Blind-Contour Practice

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a single-line contour of a skull outline that includes the cranium, temple, cheekbone, jaw, and chin. Keep the pencil down for the entire outline. After drawing, measure the cranium width on your drawing and on the reference with the same ruler. State both values and whether they differ by more than 1 cm (hypothetical margin).

Answer: A completed single-line contour with all five edges present and the pencil down throughout. The learner states two measured cranium widths and compares them to the 1 cm margin.

Reason: The task checks continuity and edge coverage, then uses a simple arithmetic comparison with consistent units to check proportion.

Check: Trace the line with a finger to confirm no lifts. Confirm all five edges are named. Subtract the smaller cranium measurement from the larger and compare to 1 cm.

Task 2

Draw a blind contour of the same skull outline without looking at your paper. After revealing the drawing, mark three places where the line departed from the reference edge. Describe each departure in one sentence.

Answer: A completed blind contour with three marked departures and three short descriptions, such as the jaw line drifting outward or the temple curve flattening.

Reason: The task checks blind-contour discipline and honest comparison rather than accuracy.

Check: Confirm the paper was covered or the head turned during drawing. Count three marks and read each description to confirm it names a specific edge.

Task 3

Compare your single-line and blind-contour drawings using the rubric items continuity, edge coverage, proportion check, and honesty. Score each item as met, partly met, or not met. Then name one edge to practice next time.

Answer: A completed comparison with four rubric scores and one named edge for future practice.

Reason: The task checks structured self-assessment and transfer to the next practice session.

Check: Confirm four scores are present and each is one of the three allowed labels. Confirm the named edge is one of cranium, temple, cheekbone, jaw, or chin.

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Task 4

In the blank frame, draw an independent contour of a skull outline using either single-line or blind-contour method. Label which method you used. Measure one distance on the reference and the same distance on your drawing with the same ruler, then state the difference in centimeters.

Answer: A completed independent contour with a method label, two measurements in centimeters, and a stated difference.

Reason: The task checks independent application of either variant and a simple, checkable measurement.

Check: Confirm the method label matches the drawing style. Confirm both measurements use centimeters and the difference equals the larger minus the smaller.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Continuity: pencil stayed down for the full single-line contour, or lifts were noted.
- [ ] Edge coverage: cranium, temple, cheekbone, jaw, and chin all appear.
- [ ] Proportion check: two measured distances compared with the same ruler and a stated margin.
- [ ] Honesty: drifts and lifts recorded rather than erased or hidden.
- [ ] Blind-contour discipline: no peeking before the outline was complete.

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