Face-Painting Line Drawing Practice: Feature Outlines and Motifs

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

In a 4 cm by 4 cm box, draw three cat whiskers. Each whisker starts on the left edge and ends 2 cm to the right. Keep each stroke between 0.5 cm and 1 cm from lowest to highest point. Describe your check.

Answer: Three curves start on the left edge and end 2 cm right, each within the 0.5 cm to 1 cm height band. My check: measure each whisker's horizontal span from the left edge to its endpoint (2 cm), measure stroke height from lowest to highest point (0.5–1 cm), and confirm the curve stays inside the box and does not cross the right, top, or bottom edge.

Reason: The box is 4 cm wide, so a 2 cm whisker fits with room to spare. The height band keeps strokes inside the box.

Check: Measure each whisker's horizontal span with a ruler (2 cm) and measure stroke height from lowest to highest point (0.5–1 cm). For curved whiskers, the 2 cm length is the horizontal span, and the height band is measured perpendicular to the baseline, so the curve may rise or fall within the band but must not leave the box or cross the right, top, or bottom edge.

Task 2

Draw a five-point star inside a 2 cm circle. Mark five points around the circle as 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4. Connect 0→2→4→1→3→0. State one way to check that the star stays inside the circle.

Answer: Place five evenly spaced points on the circle, label them 0 through 4, and draw the segments in the order 0→2→4→1→3→0. All five vertices sit on the boundary and the star segments remain within the circle.

Reason: Connecting every second point before returning to the skipped points traces a five-point star; connecting adjacent points would make a pentagon instead.

Check: Trace the path in the stated order and confirm it visits all five labels before returning to 0; check no segment extends outside the 2 cm circle.

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Task 3

On a face outline, place one star above each eyebrow and one swirl on each cheek. The star circles are 2 cm wide and the swirl circles are 1.5 cm wide. Describe placement and one boundary check.

Answer: Stars centered above each eyebrow inside 2 cm circles; swirls centered on each cheek inside 1.5 cm circles.

Reason: Centering motifs on feature landmarks keeps placement balanced and avoids crossing outlines.

Check: Confirm each star circle does not touch the eye outline and each swirl circle stays within the cheek area.

Task 4

Trace one whisker motif and then draw it freehand in a second box. Compare the two. Name one difference you might accept and one you would fix.

Answer: Accept a different curve style if the stroke stays inside the boundary and height band; fix a stroke that crosses the boundary or exceeds 1 cm from lowest to highest point.

Reason: Style variation is valid, but boundary and height rules are checkable.

Check: Measure stroke height and check boundary contact in both boxes; compare lengths with a ruler.

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- [ ] Motif stays inside its marked boundary.
- [ ] Stroke height follows the low-to-high span convention.
- [ ] Lines are continuous with no unintended gaps.
- [ ] Placement avoids crossing eye, nose, and mouth outlines.
- [ ] Valid style alternatives are accepted if boundaries and convention are met.

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