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Prompt: On a face outline 12 cm wide, place three cat whiskers on the left cheek. The first whisker starts 1 cm below the eye line, the third starts 1 cm above the mouth line, and each whisker is 2 cm long. Describe the placement and check.

Answer: Mark the first start point 1 cm below the eye line and the third 1 cm above the mouth line. Measure the span between them with a ruler. If the span is at least 1 cm, mark the second start point at the midpoint of that span. If the span is less than 1 cm, move the first start point to 0.5 cm below the eye line and the third to 0.5 cm above the mouth line, measure the new span, and mark the second start point at the midpoint of the new span. If the new span (eye-to-mouth distance minus 0.5 cm minus 0.5 cm) is less than 0 cm, the start points would cross, so use two whiskers or redraw the outline larger. For instance, with the eye line 3 cm above the mouth line, the span is $3 - 1 - 1 = 1$ cm, which is at least 1 cm, so the first branch applies and the second start point is 0.5 cm from each end. A 0.8 cm eye-to-mouth example would give a new span of $0.8 - 0.5 - 0.5 = -0.2$ cm, which is less than 0 cm, so it falls to the fallback. Draw three gentle curves outward, each 2 cm long, ending inside the cheek area. Check that no whisker crosses the eye or mouth outline and that each stroke height is between 0.5 cm and 1 cm from lowest to highest point.