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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 student draws a simple leaf blind contour starting at the tip, follows the outline to the stem, then follows one side vein back to the midrib. The line is unbroken and the student never looks at the paper. The drawing is distorted and the tip is rounded instead of pointed. Using the convention, label the line and note one clear feature and one missed feature.

Answer: Label: blind contour, continuous line. Clear feature: the stem join is visible and the line is unbroken. Missed feature: the pointed tip became rounded. Adjustment for next attempt: slow eye movement near the tip and pause at the point before moving to the first side vein.