Cartooning People: Exaggeration Drills for Expressive Figures

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

Draw a base figure with a head width of 3 cm. Apply a 2.0 times head-width exaggeration. Keep torso and limbs at base size. Label the new width.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

A base arm is 5 cm from shoulder to wrist. Draw a figure with the arm lengthened by 40 percent. Calculate the new length and label it.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

Draw three faces with the same base head size. Exaggerate expression only: one surprised, one angry, one sleepy. Use simple eyebrow and mouth changes. Label each.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Create a four-cell comparison grid. In each cell, draw the same base figure but apply one exaggeration: head size 1.5 times, arm length plus 50 percent, leg length minus 30 percent, and wide mouth expression. Label each cell with the target and the numerical change.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.