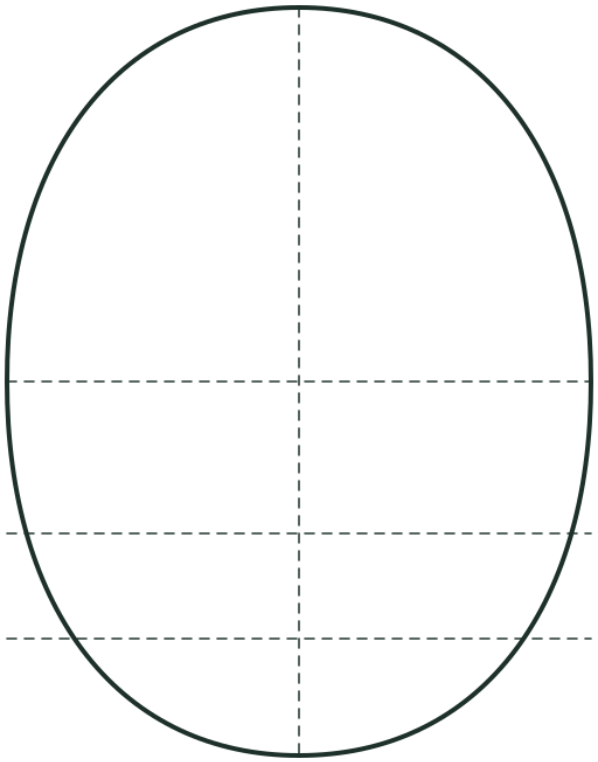
Portrait Proportion Practice on Blank Head Outlines

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 front-facing blank head outline is 100 mm tall and 70 mm wide at the eye line. The eye line is marked at 50 mm from the top, the nose line at 67 mm, and the mouth line at 80 mm. Place the eyes, nose, mouth, and ears using the landmark rules.

Answer: Eyes: two ovals about 14 mm wide (one-fifth of 70 mm) on the 50 mm eye line, spaced about 14 mm apart. Nose: base on the 67 mm nose line, width about 14 mm (about one eye width), centered. Mouth: on the 80 mm mouth line, width about 23 mm (one-third of 70 mm, rounded from 23.3 mm). Ears: each spans vertically from the 50 mm eye line to the 67 mm nose line. Check: eyes level and on the eye line, nose centered on the nose line, mouth on the mouth line, ears between eye and nose lines.