# Contour Drawing a Deer: Slow-Line Outline Study

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

A deer body contour is drawn as one continuous line from nose to tail and back to chest. The antler edge is drawn as one separate line. Count the pencil lifts for these two contours.

Answer: One lift total.

Reason: The body contour is continuous, so zero lifts. The antler edge is a separate contour, so one lift to start it. Total equals one.

Check: Count each time the pencil leaves the paper. Confirm the body line has no breaks and the antler line starts once.

Task 2

Your drawing area is 30 cm wide. The deer body is 18 cm wide. What percentage of the drawing width does the body occupy?

Answer: 60 percent.

Reason: 18 divided by 30 equals 0.60. Multiply by 100 to get 60 percent.

Check: Reverse the arithmetic: 0.60 times 30 cm equals 18 cm.

Task 3

You measure a baseline-to-midline distance of 1.5 cm for your labels. You write five labels with the same letter style. What total vertical space do the labels occupy if each label uses one x-height unit?

Answer: 7.5 cm.

Reason: Five labels times 1.5 cm per label equals 7.5 cm. The values are hypothetical examples.

Check: Add 1.5 five times: 1.5 plus 1.5 plus 1.5 plus 1.5 plus 1.5 equals 7.5.

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Task 4

A blind contour pass takes 4 minutes for the body and 2 minutes for each of two legs. A slow contour pass takes 3 minutes for the antler edge. What is the total time for one blind pass and one slow pass?

Answer: 11 minutes.

Reason: Blind pass: 4 plus 2 plus 2 equals 8 minutes. Slow pass: 3 minutes. Total equals 8 plus 3 equals 11 minutes.

Check: Re-add the parts: 4 plus 2 plus 2 plus 3 equals 11.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Contour line is continuous for the body; separate lines only for disconnected edges.
- [ ] No fur rendering or shading inside the outline.
- [ ] Antler edges are traced as visible contours without branch construction.
- [ ] Labels use one consistent letter style with a defined baseline-to-midline x-height.
- [ ] Three comparison points are checked and recorded with simple arithmetic.
- [ ] Valid alternatives are accepted: different line order, separate antler segments, and varied letter styles.

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