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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 shell has a widest span of a hypothetical 14 cm. You draw it in a slow contour box with a widest span of 12 cm. You count 6 visible interior ridges and draw 5. State the span difference and one check result.

Answer: The span difference is 14 cm minus 12 cm equals 2 cm. The ridge count differs by 1, so one visible ridge was not drawn. Check the shell again and add the missing ridge line or note why it was left as a fading ridge.