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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

Describe a single-line contour path for a bedroom with a bed on the left, a lamp on a nightstand to the right of the headboard, and a chair at the foot of the bed. The lamp shade overlaps the headboard edge, and the chair back overlaps the bed's footboard.

Answer: Start at the top-left corner of the headboard. Trace the headboard's left edge down to the mattress, then along the mattress side to the footboard. At the footboard, the chair back overlaps: trace the chair back's top edge first, then follow the footboard edge up to the chair back, stop, and resume the footboard on the other side of the chair. Continue around the chair's seat and legs, then return to the bed's footboard and trace its remaining edge. Move to the nightstand and lamp: trace the lamp base, stem, and shade. Where the shade overlaps the headboard, trace the shade first, then follow the headboard edge to the shade, stop, and resume the headboard above the shade. Close the path by returning to the starting point along the headboard's top edge. Omit mattress seams, lamp switch, and chair cushion creases.