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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 learner draws a head oval four centimeters tall. They want a happy anime child at a three-and-a-half-head ratio. Where should the feet line, shoulder line, and eye line go?

Answer: One head unit is four centimeters. Total height is three and a half units, so the feet line is fourteen centimeters below the top of the head. The shoulder line is about one and a half units below the top, or six centimeters. The eye line is halfway between the top and the chin, so two centimeters below the top. The learner then checks that shoulder width is close to head width and that the happy expression uses raised outer eyebrows, wide oval eyes, and an upward mouth curve.