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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 student draws a child with a head height of 2.5 cm and a total height of 12.5 cm. The shoulder line is at 3.5 cm from the top, waist at 6.25 cm, hip at 7.5 cm, and knee at 9.5 cm. Check whether this matches a five-head child guide.

Answer: Total divided by head height is 12.5 divided by 2.5, which equals 5, so the head count matches. Shoulder ratio is 3.5 divided by 2.5, or 1.4 heads, which matches the child guide. Waist is 6.25 divided by 2.5, or 2.5 heads, matching. Hip is 7.5 divided by 2.5, or 3.0 heads, matching. Knee is 9.5 divided by 2.5, or 3.8 heads, matching. The drawing is consistent with the five-head guide.