Photo-Reference Drawing: Grid and Value Study Practice

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 photo is 20 cm wide and 15 cm tall. You choose a 4 by 3 grid. What is each cell’s size, and where does a landmark at 7.5 cm from the left and 5 cm from the top sit in the grid?

Answer: Each cell is 5 cm by 5 cm. The landmark is 7.5 cm from the left, which is 1.5 cells across, so it sits in column B, halfway across that cell. It is 5 cm from the top, which is exactly one cell down, so it sits on the line between rows 1 and 2. Record it as column B, halfway across, on the row 1–2 line.