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Worked example / complete source key

A skull drawing has total height 12 cm. The halfway mark is at 6 cm. The eye socket centers are 2 cm from the midline on the left and 3 cm on the right. The cranial width is 8 cm and the jaw width is 9 cm. Identify two proportion errors and state the corrected values.

Answer: Error 1: socket centers are not equidistant from the midline. Correct both to 2.5 cm from the midline. Error 2: jaw width exceeds cranial width. Reduce jaw width to 7 cm, which is narrower than the 8 cm cranial width. The halfway mark at 6 cm is correct because 12 divided by 2 equals 6.