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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 reference face is drawn on a 12 cm by 8 cm outline. The cheek zone is 6 cm wide. You plan four cross-contour lines across the cheek. Estimate the average spacing and state where spacing should be tightest.

Answer: Average spacing is 6 cm divided by 4 lines, which equals 1.5 cm. Spacing should be tightest near the jaw turn where the surface curves most sharply, and wider across the broadest part of the cheek. These numerical values are hypothetical examples; measure your own outline and adjust.