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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 body outline is 18 cm long from neck to tail base. You plan eight scale rows along the back. Each row should be evenly spaced. What is the spacing between row guide lines, and how do you check it?

Answer: Divide 18 cm by 8 rows to get 2.25 cm between row guide lines. Mark the first guide at the neck and the last at the tail base, then place the remaining guides at 2.25 cm intervals. Check by measuring each interval with a ruler; all intervals should read 2.25 cm within your measurement accuracy.