Draw Zoo Animals from Labeled Outlines: A Guided Worksheet Plan

Original tasks 1, 2 / complete keys

Task 1

On a blank sheet of paper, draw the giraffe from this description: a body oval, a long neck, a small head at the top of the neck, four legs, and a tail. The neck is longer than the body, and the legs are shorter than the body height. Then check your drawing against these four points: (1) all described parts are present, (2) the body oval is in a similar position on the page, (3) the two proportion comparisons match (neck longer than body; legs shorter than body height), and (4) the drawing is legible and shows one intentional correction.

Answer: A valid drawing shows a body oval, a neck longer than the body, a small head at the top of the neck, four legs shorter than the body height, and a tail. All described parts are present, the body oval sits in a similar position, both proportion comparisons match, and the drawing is legible with one intentional correction.

Reason: The two proportion comparisons are neck longer than body and legs shorter than body height. If both match and all parts appear, checks 1–3 pass; a legible drawing with one correction satisfies check 4.

Check: Tick each described part, compare the body oval's position, state the two proportion comparisons, and circle one line you improved.

Task 2

On a blank sheet of paper, draw the lion from this description: a head circle, a body oval larger than the head, a mane surrounding the head, four legs, and a tail. Add the mane after the head and body. Then check your drawing against these four points: (1) all described parts are present, (2) the body oval is in a similar position on the page, (3) the two proportion comparisons match (head smaller than body oval; mane surrounds the head), and (4) the drawing is legible and shows one intentional correction.

Answer: A valid drawing has a head circle inside a mane, a body oval larger than the head, four legs, and a tail. All described parts are present, the body oval sits in a similar position, the head is smaller than the body, the mane surrounds the head, and the drawing is legible with one intentional correction.

Reason: Drawing the mane last prevents it from distorting the head size. The proportion checks are head smaller than body and mane surrounding the head; with all parts present and a legible corrected drawing, all four checks pass.

Check: Confirm the head is smaller than the body, the mane surrounds the head, all described parts appear, the body oval is similarly placed, and one line was intentionally improved.

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Original tasks 3, 4 / complete keys

Task 3

On a blank sheet of paper, draw the zebra from this description: a body shape, a head, four legs, a tail, and stripes on the body and neck. Add stripes only after the body, head, and legs are complete. Then check your drawing against these four points: (1) all described parts are present, (2) the body shape is in a similar position on the page, (3) the two proportion comparisons match (body longer than head; legs shorter than body height), and (4) the drawing is legible and shows one intentional correction. Judge the body and legs before you judge the stripes.

Answer: A valid drawing shows the body, head, four legs, and tail before stripes. Stripes appear on the body and neck, all described parts are present, the body shape sits in a similar position, the body is longer than the head, the legs are shorter than the body height, and the drawing is legible with one intentional correction.

Reason: Details should not hide errors, so the proportion checks are made on the body and legs before stripes are considered. If both comparisons match and all parts appear, checks 1–3 pass; a legible drawing with one correction satisfies check 4.

Check: Look at the drawing without focusing on stripes: are all parts present, is the body similarly placed, and do the two proportion comparisons match? Then confirm stripe placement and one intentional correction.

Task 4

On a blank sheet of paper, draw the elephant from this description: a large body, a head, a trunk longer than the tail, four legs shorter than the body height, and a tail. Then write one sentence comparing the trunk and tail. Check your drawing against these four points: (1) all described parts are present, (2) the large body is in a similar position on the page, (3) the two proportion comparisons match (trunk longer than tail; legs shorter than body height), and (4) the drawing is legible and shows one intentional correction.

Answer: A valid drawing has a large body, head, trunk longer than the tail, four legs shorter than body height, and a tail. The sentence states that the trunk is longer than the tail. All described parts are present, the body sits in a similar position, both proportion comparisons match, and the drawing is legible with one intentional correction.

Reason: The sentence makes the trunk-and-tail proportion check explicit. If the drawing and sentence agree with the description and the drawing is legible with one correction, all four checks pass.

Check: Read the sentence, compare it to the drawing, tick each described part, confirm the body position and both proportion comparisons, and note the one intentional correction.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] All labeled parts from the template appear in the drawing.
- [ ] The largest body shape is in a similar position on the practice panel.
- [ ] At least two proportion comparisons from the template match the drawing.
- [ ] The drawing is legible and shows one intentional correction.
- [ ] Line style is accepted if legible and each labeled part is recognizable in a similar relative position to the template.

Reflection: What did you check, what did you change, and what will you try next?