Draw a Cartoon Person Exercising While Listening to Music

Original tasks 1, 2, 3 / complete keys

Task 1

Draw a cartoon figure running in place with headphones. Use a 4 cm head circle and a 5 cm by 3 cm torso. One knee lifts forward and the opposite arm swings forward. Show the band and ear cups.

Answer: A figure with a circle head, rounded rectangle torso, one knee lifted forward, opposite arm forward, and headphones with a band over the head and cups on the ears.

Reason: Running in place needs one lifted knee and an opposite arm swing to read as motion. The headphones must stay centered on the ears so they do not look like a hat.

Check: Cover the headphones and confirm the running pose is clear. Uncover them and confirm the band and cups are clear. Check that elbow and knee joints bend in believable directions.

Task 2

Draw a cartoon figure doing an arm raise with a knee lift while wearing headphones. Both arms rise above shoulder height and one knee lifts. Use the same head and torso sizes as the worked example.

Answer: A figure with both arms raised above shoulder height, one knee lifted, and headphones with a visible band and two ear cups centered on the ears.

Reason: Raising both arms above shoulder height creates a strong exercise signal. A single knee lift adds motion without confusing the pose. The headphones remain the secondary focus.

Check: Cover the headphones and confirm the arm raise and knee lift are obvious. Uncover them and confirm the band crosses the top of the head and the cups sit on the ear area.

Task 3

Draw a cartoon figure doing a side stretch with headphones. One arm reaches overhead and the torso leans slightly to one side. Keep the head circle and torso rectangle clear.

Answer: A figure leaning slightly to one side with one arm overhead, the other arm relaxed, and headphones with a band and cups on the ears.

Reason: A side stretch uses a lean and an overhead arm to show exercise. The lean must not hide the headphone band, so the band is drawn over the top of the head.

Check: Check that the lean is visible and the overhead arm is above shoulder height. Confirm the band is not hidden by the arm or hair. Cover the headphones to test the stretch, then cover the stretch to test the headphones.

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Task 4

Draw a cartoon figure marching with headphones. One knee lifts to about hip height and the opposite arm swings forward. Add a simple ground line.

Answer: A figure with one knee lifted to about hip height, opposite arm forward, a ground line, and headphones with a band and cups on the ears.

Reason: Marching reads clearly when one knee lifts and the opposite arm swings. A ground line anchors the figure and helps show that the lifted foot is off the ground.

Check: Confirm the lifted knee is near hip height and the opposite arm is forward. Check that the ground line touches the standing foot only. Cover the headphones to test the march, then uncover them to test the band and cups.

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Source rubric / reflection

- [ ] Head is a recognizable circle or oval with a clear horizontal midline.
- [ ] Torso is a rounded rectangle connected to the head by a short neck.
- [ ] Arms and legs use two segments with visible joint dots in construction.
- [ ] Headphone band crosses the top of the head from ear side to ear side.
- [ ] Ear cups are centered on the ear area and overlap the head outline slightly.
- [ ] Exercise motion is recognizable when the headphones are covered.
- [ ] Headphones are recognizable when the exercise pose is covered.
- [ ] Final outline is clean and construction lines are lightly erased.
- [ ] Cartoon style may vary in proportions and line weight; valid alternatives are accepted if the checks above pass.

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