Mustang Silhouette in Negative Space: A Figure-Ground Drawing Lesson

Original task 1 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 1

On a 16 cm by 12 cm panel, draw a low car silhouette about 10 cm wide and 3 cm tall. Shade only the surround. State whether a fully enclosed window stays white or becomes dark.

Keep the original task measurements. Use the full drawing sheet in this PDF for a response needing more room; use the stated paper size when a task specifies larger paper.

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Original task 2 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 2

A student shades the surround but leaves a 5 mm white gap along the car contour. Is the drawing valid under the stated convention? Explain and give a fix.

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Original task 3 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 3

On a 20 cm by 15 cm panel, a car occupies about 12 cm of the width. Estimate the widest dark span across the panel and state the unit.

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Original task 4 / independent drawing and calculation

Task 4

Draw a car silhouette with one wheel opening that touches the outer contour and one fully enclosed window. Apply the convention that connected openings become dark and enclosed openings stay white. Describe the result.

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Full drawing sheet / reusable blank workspace

Reusable full drawing sheet for Tasks 1 to 4. Print another copy when needed. Keep all original task measurements; if a task specifies larger paper, use that paper size.