

Gesture Drawing

Sports Fiction, Grade 4

The human body can move in many ways.

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The primary purpose of gesture drawing is to facilitate the study of the human figure while it is in motion.

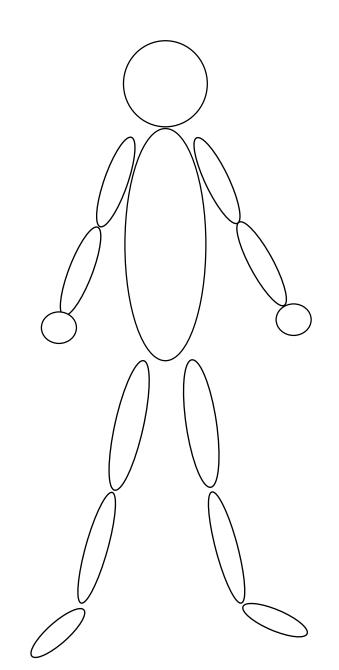
This exploration of action is helpful for the artist to better understand the natural range of motion in the body.





Click on the link below to learn how to draw a figure using simple shapes!

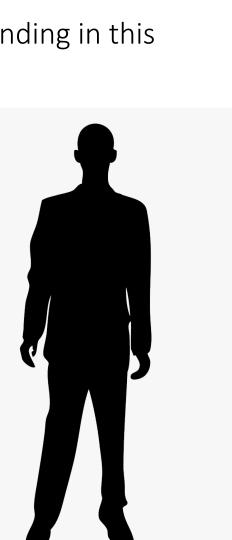
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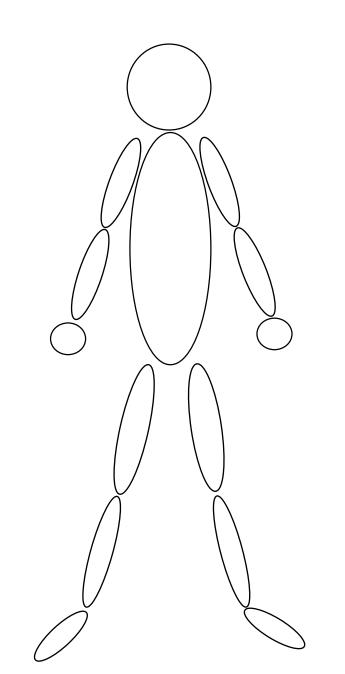


GREAT JOB!!

You just drew a figure standing in this

position...



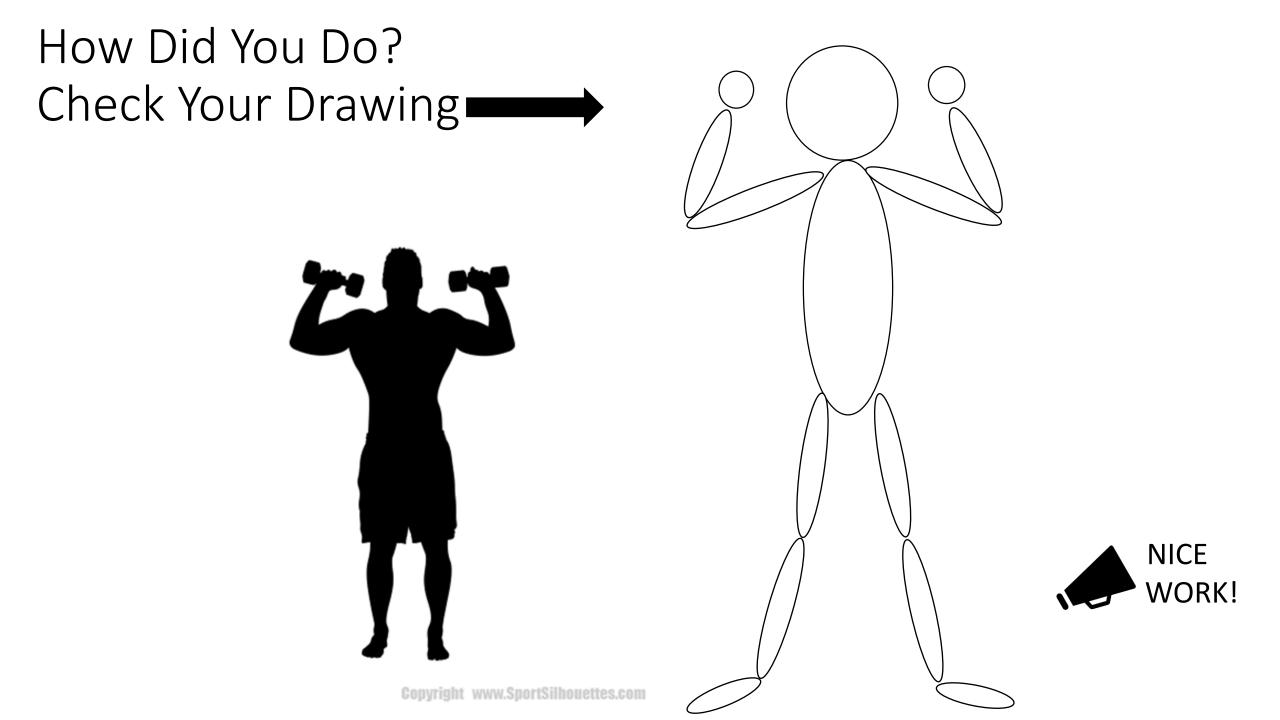


Let's try a different position this time... The only thing that will change are the arms!



Using the previous example as reference, create a gesture drawing to represent this figure.

*Do not include the weights



For the next challenge, the body, arms and one leg will change!

BEFORE YOU DRAW:

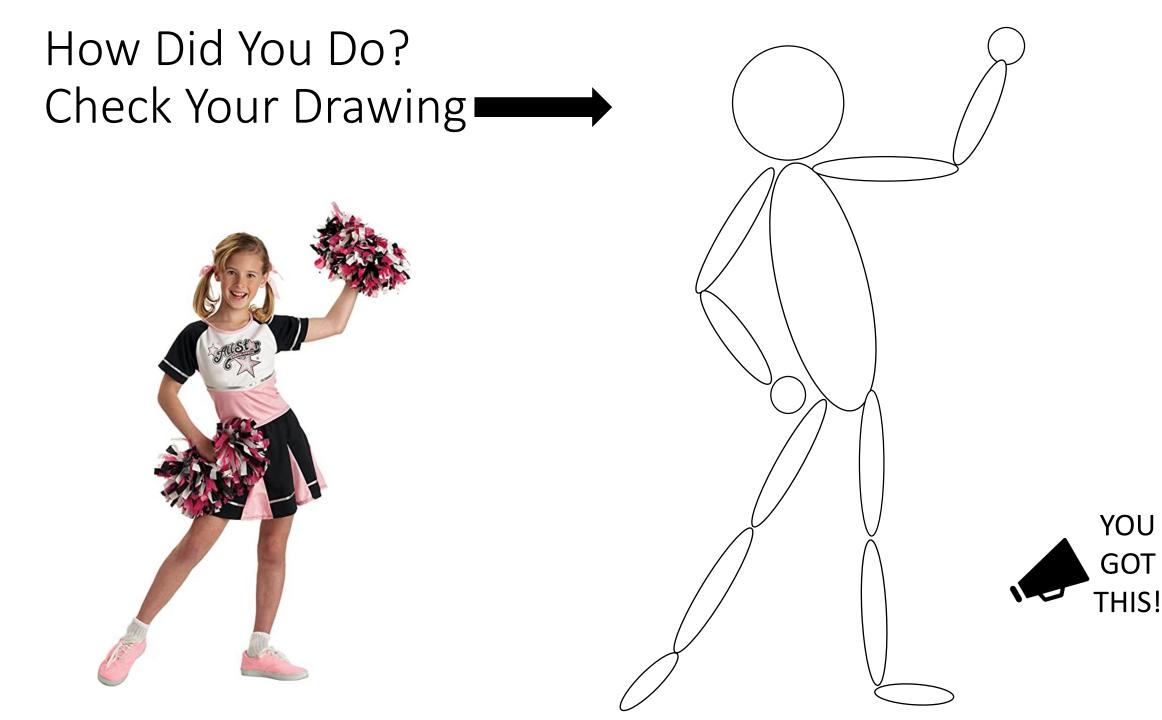
Look closely at the angle of her Body. It is positioned on a diagonal.

> Look closely at her Arms. They are moving in different directions.

Look closely at her Legs. One of them is moving in a diagonal line, all the way down to the toe.

GIVE IT A TRY!





This time, the body, arms and both legs will change!

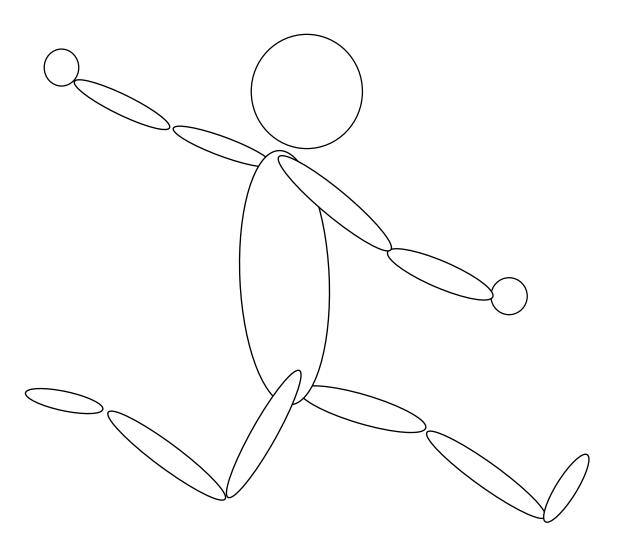


What angles do you see?



How Did You Do? Check Your Drawing







Complex Gestures



Visual Problem Solving:

Look closely at each figure. How can you rearrange the original shapes and piece them back together to represent these gestures?

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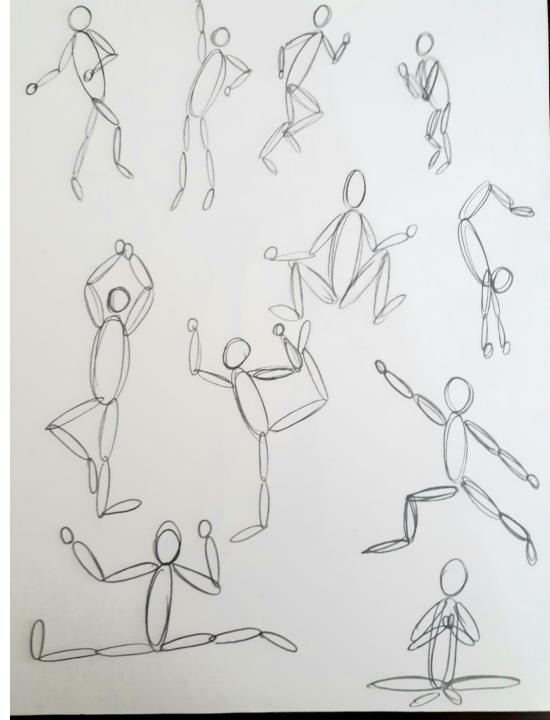
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Fill you paper with a collection of gesture drawings!

How Did You Do? Check Your Drawing





Add creative and interesting details to your drawings!



Be Inspired:

Use these ideas to get started... Then, use your own ideas to create original characters.





Compare your drawings from challenge #1 to your drawings from challenge #4.

What similarities and differences do you see in your gesture drawings?

How have your drawings improved?