

Zara's Abstract Art Challenge

Learning objective: To understand how abstract artists use colour, shape, and pattern to express feelings rather than depicting realistic objects.

Zara the zebra sees patterns everywhere! Abstract art is about showing feelings through colours and shapes instead of painting a realistic picture. Look at the list of emotions below. Your task is to match each emotion to the types of shapes and colours you think would best represent it. Then, explain your artistic choices.

Word bank: Geometric · Organic · Vibrant · Muted · Symmetrical · Chaotic · Texture

1. If you wanted to paint 'Happiness', which colours would you choose and why? Describe the shapes you would use. (2 marks)

2. If you wanted to paint 'Calmness', would you use sharp, jagged lines or soft, flowing curves? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

3. How does using 'Vibrant' colours change the mood of an abstract painting compared to using 'Muted' colours? (2 marks)

4. Why might an artist choose to use 'Chaotic' patterns instead of 'Symmetrical' patterns in their work? (2 marks)

5. Look at a piece of abstract art in your classroom or home. Can you identify one 'Organic' shape and one 'Geometric' shape within it? (2 marks)

Draw: In the space below, create an abstract piece of art titled 'My Morning'. Do not draw recognisable objects like houses or trees. Use only lines, colours, and shapes to show how you feel when you wake up and get ready for school.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are selling your artwork in a gallery. Write a price tag for your piece in Australian dollars and cents (e.g., £12.50) and write one sentence explaining why your artwork is worth that amount to a collector.