

Zara's Abstract Art Adventure

Learning objective: To understand the core principles of abstract art, including the use of shape, colour, and emotion rather than realistic representation.

Join Zara the Zebra as she explores the world of abstract art! Read each question carefully and choose the best answer. Remember, in abstract art, there is often more than one way to see the truth.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. False, 3. True, 4. B, 5. True, 6. Colour, 7. C, 8. False, 9. Shape, 10. True.

Word bank: Abstract · Shape · Texture · Emotion · Realistic · Pattern · Primary · Contrast

1. 1. What does 'abstract art' focus on? A) Realistic drawings of fruit B) Shapes, colours, and feelings* C) Taking photographs D) Drawing maps (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Abstract art must always show exactly what an object looks like in real life. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: An artist can use abstract art to show how they are feeling, such as using bold red to show anger or calm blue to show peace. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these might you see in an abstract painting? A) A photograph of a cat B) Geometric shapes and lines* C) A dictionary definition D) A receipt for £5 (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Abstract artists often use patterns to create movement in their work. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: Abstract artists often choose a specific _____ scheme to help express a mood in their painting. (1 mark)

7. 7. If an artist uses a very rough, bumpy surface on a canvas, what element are they using? A) Contrast B) Pattern C) Texture* D) Scale (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Every person who looks at an abstract painting must have the exact same opinion about what it represents. (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the blank: A circle, a square, and a triangle are examples of a geometric _____. (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Abstract art allows the artist to be creative and experimental with their materials. (1 mark)

Draw: Zara the Zebra wants you to create your own abstract masterpiece! Using only three colours and three different types of shapes, draw a picture that represents the feeling of 'Happiness'.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are selling your abstract painting in a gallery. Write a short label for your artwork, explaining why you chose your specific colours and shapes. Give it a price tag of £10 or more!