

Zara's Perspective Art Challenge

Learning objective: To understand how artists use perspective to create the illusion of depth on a flat surface.

Join Zara the zebra as she explores how to make paintings look 3D! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. Vanishing point, 4. B, 5. False, 6. Smaller, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Foreground, 10. False

Word bank: Vanishing point · Horizon line · Foreground · Background · Scale · Overlap

1. 1. What do we call the line where the earth meets the sky in a landscape painting? A) Horizon line*, B) Base line, C) Top line, D) Mid line (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Objects that are further away should be drawn smaller to show distance. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is the name of the single point on the horizon line where all parallel lines seem to meet? (1 mark)

4. 4. If you draw one object partially covering another, what technique are you using? A) Shading, B) Overlap*, C) Colouring, D) Sketching (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: In a painting, the background is always the part of the image closest to the viewer. (1 mark)

6. 6. When objects move closer to the vanishing point, their size appears to get _____. (1 mark)

7. 7. Which of these helps show depth? A) Using only one colour, B) Drawing flat shapes, C) Showing changes in size*, D) Drawing only the sky (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Perspective helps artists make a flat piece of paper look like it has depth. (1 mark)

9. 9. Where do we usually draw the most detailed objects in a picture? A) Background, B) Middle ground, C) Foreground* (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: You can only use perspective when drawing buildings. (1 mark)

Draw: Zara challenges you to draw a long, straight road leading into the distance. Use a ruler to draw lines that meet at a single vanishing point on your horizon line. Add some trees along the road, making the ones closest to you large and the ones near the horizon line very small!



Extension challenge: Find a photograph in a book or magazine. Can you identify the horizon line and the vanishing point? Use a pencil to lightly trace the lines that seem to lead toward that point.