

Zara's Sketching Safari: A Quick Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the techniques and tools used in sketching and observational drawing.

Help Zara the Zebra get ready for her art exhibition! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.B, 4.False, 5.Texture, 6.A, 7.Shading, 8.True, 9.Observation, 10.B. Zara says: Remember to keep your lines light until you are sure of your shape!

Word bank: H-pencil · B-pencil · Shading · Texture · Outline · Observation · Sketching · Smudging

1. 1. Which type of pencil is best for creating dark, soft lines? A) 2H B) HB C) 6B* D) 4H (1 mark)
2. 2. True or False: Sketching should always be done with very heavy, dark pressure right from the start. (True/False) (1 mark)
3. 3. What do we call the technique of using light and dark areas to make a drawing look 3D? A) Outlining B) Shading* C) Colouring D) Smudging (1 mark)
4. 4. True or False: You should never use an eraser when you are sketching. (True/False) (1 mark)
5. 5. What word describes the 'feel' of a surface, like the rough bark of a tree or the soft fur of a lion? (1 word) (1 mark)
6. 6. Which tool helps you to create a smooth, blended look with your pencil? A) A blending stump* B) A ruler C) A paintbrush D) A stapler (1 mark)
7. 7. What is the name of the 'light and dark' contrast used to show where the light source hits an object? (1 word) (1 mark)
8. 8. True or False: Observational drawing means looking closely at your subject while you draw. (True/False) (1 mark)
9. 9. Before you start drawing, what is the most important skill to use to see the shapes of an object? (1 word) (1 mark)

10. 10. If an apple costs £0.50 and you want to draw it, what should you do first? A) Colour it red B) Draw a light basic shape* C) Shade it heavily D) Use a pen (1 mark)

Draw: Find a piece of fruit or a household object. Spend 5 minutes sketching it using only light lines. Try to include one area of shadow.



Extension challenge: Zara wants to sketch a collection of items. Can you find three items in your room and sketch them overlapping each other? Think about which lines you would need to erase to make them look like they are sitting in front of each other!