Still Life Art Flashcards with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the key concepts and techniques used in creating a still life composition.

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge about still life art. Flip the card in your mind to reveal the answer provided by Zara the Zebra.

What is a 'Still Life' in art?

A piece of art that depicts inanimate objects, such as fruit, flowers, or household items, arranged in a specific way.

What does 'Composition' mean?

The way objects are arranged within the frame of the artwork to make it look balanced and interesting.

What is 'Negative Space'?

The empty or open space that surrounds the objects in your drawing or painting.

What is a 'Highlight'?

The area on an object where the light source hits directly, making that spot appear the brightest.

What is 'Shadow'?

The darker area on an object or on the surface behind it, caused when an object blocks the light.

What does 'Texture' refer to in a still life?

The way a surface feels or looks, such as smooth, rough, fuzzy, or bumpy.

What is the 'Foreground'?

The part of the artwork that appears closest to the viewer.

What is the 'Background'?

The area of the artwork that appears furthest away, often behind the main objects.

Why is 'Observation' important for still life?

It means looking closely at the shapes, colours, and details of real objects to draw them accurately.

What is 'Form' in art?

Giving an object a three-dimensional appearance by using light and dark shading.

If you are drawing an apple, what is a 'Cast Shadow'?

The shadow that the apple creates on the table or surface it is sitting on.

What is a 'Viewfinder' used for?

A small frame, often made of card, used to help an artist decide which part of the scene to draw.