

Zara's Watercolour Wonders Quiz

Learning objective: To understand the techniques, materials, and unique properties of watercolour painting.

Join Zara the Zebra as she explores the colourful world of watercolours! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer. Good luck, young artists!

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. False, 4. C, 5. True, 6. Translucent, 7. B, 8. False, 9. D, 10. Wash. All answers are based on standard Year 4 art techniques for watercolour media.

Word bank: pigment · wash · translucent · absorbent · blend · opaque

1. 1. What gives watercolour paint its colour? A) Pigment* B) Glitter C) Oil D) Wax (1 mark)
2. 2. True or False: Watercolour paint is water-soluble, meaning it can be thinned with water. (1 mark)
3. 3. True or False: You should always use a thick, oily brush for watercolour painting. (1 mark)
4. 4. Which term describes how light can pass through watercolour paint? A) Opaque B) Shiny C) Translucent* D) Hard (1 mark)
5. 5. True or False: A 'wash' is a technique used to cover a large area of paper with a thin layer of colour. (1 mark)
6. 6. Fill in the blank: Watercolour paper is designed to be highly _____ so it can hold the water without tearing. (1 mark)
7. 7. How do you make a colour lighter in watercolour? A) Add black B) Add more water* C) Use a pencil D) Add white paint (1 mark)
8. 8. True or False: Once watercolour paint is dry on the paper, you cannot move or blend it at all. (1 mark)
9. 9. What happens if you mix two colours while the paint is still wet on the paper? A) They turn into oil B) They disappear C) They resist each other D) They blend together* (1 mark)

10. 10. What do we call the technique of painting wet paint onto dry paper? A) Wash B) Wet-on-dry* C) Stippling D) Layering (1 mark)

Draw: Zara the Zebra wants you to create a 'Wet-on-Wet' masterpiece! Using your paints, wet your paper with a little water first, then drop two different colours onto it and watch them swirl together to create a new secondary colour.



Extension challenge: If a set of high-quality watercolour paints costs £8.50 and a pack of thick paper costs £3.75, how much would it cost to buy both for your art project? Show your working out!