

Mastering the Art of Sketching with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the techniques and tools used in sketching to represent form, texture, and light.

Read each flashcard to learn about sketching techniques. You can use these cards to quiz yourself or a partner to improve your knowledge of artistic skills.

What is a sketch?

A quick, rough drawing that captures the main features of an object or scene without focusing on fine detail.

What is Graphite?

The material inside a pencil that leaves a grey mark on paper, available in different levels of hardness (H) and softness (B).

What is Hatching?

A technique using a series of parallel lines close together to create areas of shadow or tone.

What is Cross-hatching?

A sketching technique where sets of parallel lines are drawn across each other to create darker tones and depth.

What is Stippling?

Creating patterns or shading by using many small dots rather than lines.

What is Blending?

The process of smudging or rubbing graphite to create a smooth transition between light and dark areas.

What does 'Tone' mean in sketching?

The lightness or darkness of a colour or area, used to show where light hits an object.

What is Texture?

The way a surface looks or feels, which can be shown in a sketch through different types of lines and marks.

What is an 'HB' pencil?

A pencil with a medium hardness, making it perfect for general sketching and writing.

What is Perspective?

A technique used to create the illusion of depth and distance on a flat piece of paper.

Why do artists use a 'light touch' when starting a sketch?

To make it easier to erase mistakes and to build up darker layers gradually.

Who is our guide for these art cards?

Zara the Zebra, who loves to see patterns and art everywhere she looks!