

Autumn Art Explorers with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To identify and describe key artistic techniques, colour palettes, and natural themes associated with the autumn season.

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge about autumn-themed art. Flip the card mentally (or read the answer) to check your understanding of colours, textures, and nature in art.

What are 'warm colours' in autumn art?

Colours like red, orange, yellow, and gold that remind us of the sun and changing autumn leaves.

What is 'texture' in an autumn leaf drawing?

The way the surface looks or feels, such as showing the bumpy veins of a leaf using lines and shading.

What is 'leaf printing'?

An art technique where you paint one side of a real leaf and press it onto paper to create a detailed natural pattern.

Why do artists use 'observation' in autumn art?

By looking closely at real trees and plants, artists can capture the exact shapes and colours found in nature.

What is 'composition' in a painting of a forest?

The way an artist arranges the trees, leaves, and ground on the paper to make the picture look balanced.

What is a 'medium' in art?

The material used to create art, such as watercolours, oil pastels, or charcoal pencils.

What does 'contrasting' mean in an autumn landscape?

Using colours that look very different next to each other, like bright orange leaves against a dark blue sky.

How can you create a 'wash' with watercolours?

By mixing a lot of water with a little bit of paint to create a soft, transparent layer of colour for an autumn sky.

What is a 'sketch'?

A quick, rough drawing used to plan the shapes and layout of an artwork before adding detail.

Zara the Zebra wants to draw a forest. If she uses 'shading', what is she doing?

Using light and dark tones to make objects look 3D and rounded, rather than flat.

What is the benefit of using 'layering' in art?

Building up different shades of colour to add depth and make the autumn leaves look realistic.

Why do artists often use 'earth tones' in autumn?

Earth tones are browns, deep greens, and muted yellows that represent the soil and bark of the trees.