

## Zara's Perspective Art Challenge

*Learning objective: To understand how artists use perspective to create the illusion of depth on a flat surface.*

Join Zara the zebra as she explores how to make paintings look 3D! Read each question carefully and circle the best answer.

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. True, 3. Vanishing point, 4. B, 5. False, 6. Smaller, 7. C, 8. True, 9. Foreground, 10. False

*Word bank: Vanishing point · Horizon line · Foreground · Background · Scale · Overlap*

**1. 1. What do we call the line where the earth meets the sky in a landscape painting? A) Horizon line\*, B) Base line, C) Top line, D) Mid line (1 mark)**

**2. 2. True or False: Objects that are further away should be drawn smaller to show distance. (1 mark)**

**3. 3. What is the name of the single point on the horizon line where all parallel lines seem to meet? (1 mark)**

**4. 4. If you draw one object partially covering another, what technique are you using? A) Shading, B) Overlap\*, C) Colouring, D) Sketching (1 mark)**

**5. 5. True or False: In a painting, the background is always the part of the image closest to the viewer. (1 mark)**

**6. 6. When objects move closer to the vanishing point, their size appears to get \_\_\_\_\_. (1 mark)**

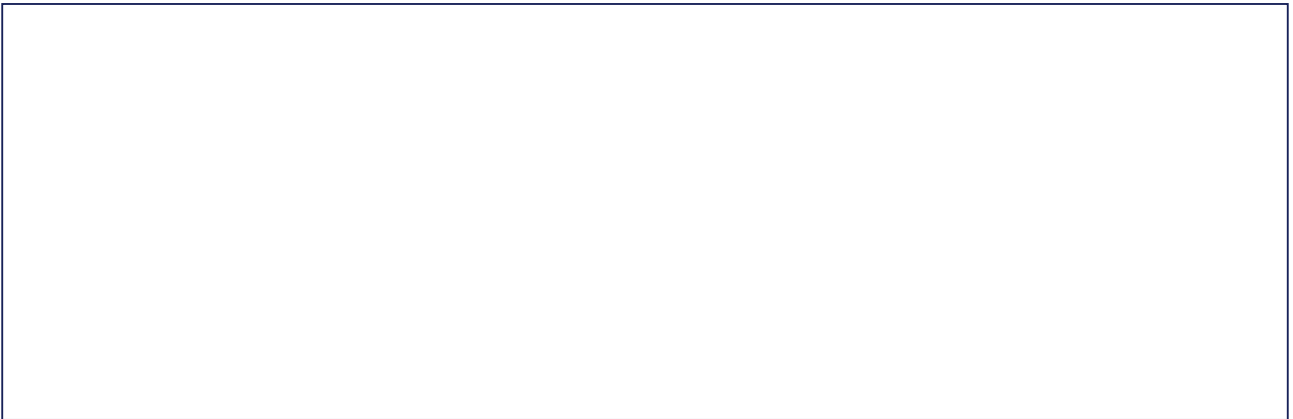
**7. 7. Which of these helps show depth? A) Using only one colour, B) Drawing flat shapes, C) Showing changes in size\*, D) Drawing only the sky (1 mark)**

**8. 8. True or False: Perspective helps artists make a flat piece of paper look like it has depth. (1 mark)**

9. 9. Where do we usually draw the most detailed objects in a picture? A) Background, B) Middle ground, C) Foreground\* (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: You can only use perspective when drawing buildings. (1 mark)

**Draw:** Zara challenges you to draw a long, straight road leading into the distance. Use a ruler to draw lines that meet at a single vanishing point on your horizon line. Add some trees along the road, making the ones closest to you large and the ones near the horizon line very small!



*Extension challenge: Find a photograph in a book or magazine. Can you identify the horizon line and the vanishing point? Use a pencil to lightly trace the lines that seem to lead toward that point.*