

Zara's Abstract Art Adventure

Learning objective: To understand the core principles of abstract art, including the use of shape, colour, and emotion to represent ideas rather than realistic objects.

Join Zara the zebra, our resident art expert, for a quick quiz on abstract art. Read the questions carefully and choose the best answer or provide the requested information.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.B, 5.B, 6.A, 7.Texture, 8.True, 9.C, 10.Shape. Abstract art focuses on expressing feelings and ideas through elements like colour and form rather than painting things exactly as they appear in the real world.

Word bank: Shape · Emotion · Abstract · Pattern · Realistic · Composition · Primary

1. 1. What is the main goal of abstract art? A) To paint a portrait of a pet. B) To copy a photograph. C) To express feelings using shapes and colours. D) To draw a map of a city. (Answer: C*) (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: In abstract art, a painting of a boat does not have to look exactly like a real boat. (Answer: True) (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Abstract art was invented by computers. (Answer: False) (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is a key element of abstract art? A) Realistic shading. B) Bold use of colour. C) Measuring exact distances. D) Using a ruler for every line. (Answer: B*) (1 mark)

5. 5. If an artist uses only red, yellow, and blue in a painting, which colours are they using? A) Secondary. B) Primary. C) Neutral. D) Dark. (Answer: B*) (1 mark)

6. 6. What do we call the way an artist arranges shapes and colours on a page? A) Composition. B) Portrait. C) Sketching. D) Photography. (Answer: A*) (1 mark)

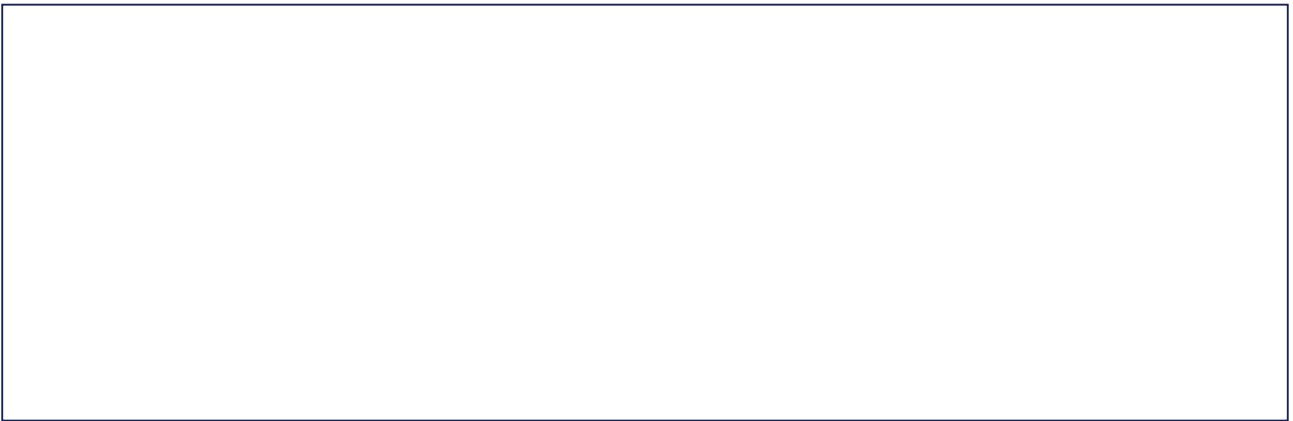
7. 7. One-word answer: Besides colour and shape, what do we call the feel or 'touch' of a surface in art? (Answer: Texture) (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Abstract art can be created using geometric shapes like squares and triangles. (Answer: True) (1 mark)

9. 9. Which artist is famous for using simple shapes and primary colours in their abstract work? A) A local baker. B) A landscape photographer. C) Piet Mondrian. D) An architect. (Answer: C*) (1 mark)

10. 10. One-word answer: What is the name of the basic element that gives an object its outline or form? (Answer: Shape) (1 mark)

Draw: Zara the zebra invites you to create your own piece of abstract art. Use your favourite colours and three different types of shapes (like circles, jagged lines, or zig-zags) to express the feeling of 'joy' on a piece of paper.



Extension challenge: Research a famous abstract artist of your choice. Write three sentences about why you think they chose the colours they used in one of their paintings. Did the colours make you feel happy, calm, or energetic?