

Creative Collages: Art Flashcards with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the techniques, materials, and history of collage as an art form.

Read each flashcard to learn about the art of collage. Use these to test your knowledge or to help you plan your next artistic masterpiece with Zara the Zebra!

What is a collage?

A piece of art made by sticking various different materials, such as photographs, pieces of paper, or fabric, onto a backing surface.

What does the word 'collage' come from?

It comes from the French word 'coller', which means 'to glue' or 'to stick'.

What are 'found objects' in collage art?

Everyday items that an artist chooses to include in their work, such as old tickets, leaves, buttons, or scraps of newspaper.

What is 'composition' in a collage?

The way the different materials are arranged and organised on the page to create a balanced or interesting final image.

Why do artists use 'layering' in their collages?

To create depth and interest, making the artwork look 3D rather than flat.

How does 'texture' change the look of a collage?

Using materials with different surfaces (like rough sandpaper, smooth foil, or soft felt) makes the art more tactile and visually engaging.

True or False: A collage must be made only of paper.

False. Collages can be made from many materials, which is often called 'mixed media'.

What is an 'overlap'?

Placing one piece of material partially on top of another to hide edges and create a sense of space.

Zara the Zebra is making a collage. She buys 3 packs of coloured paper at £1.50 each. How much does she spend?

£4.50.

What is a 'montage'?

A specific type of collage often made using photographs or images to tell a story or show a sequence of events.

What is the benefit of sketching a plan before you start gluing?

It helps you decide on your composition and ensures your materials fit the space before you commit to sticking them down.

What is the most important tool for keeping your collage neat?

Using the right amount of adhesive (glue) and ensuring edges are pressed down firmly.