

Zara's Art Studio: Learning Perspective

Learning objective: To understand how to use a horizon line and vanishing point to create the illusion of depth in a drawing.

Look at the tips below. Use a ruler to help you draw straight lines. If you need help, look at the word bank to remember your art terms.

Word bank: Horizon line · Vanishing point · Distance · Foreground · Perspective

1. Zara the zebra says: 'Objects look smaller when they are further away.' If you draw a tree close to you, should it be drawn larger or smaller than a tree in the distance? (2 marks)

2. The line where the sky meets the ground is called the... (1 mark)

3. On your drawing, draw a small dot in the middle of your horizon line. What is this dot called? (1 mark)

4. Why do artists use a vanishing point when they draw a road? (Hint: Think about how the road looks as it goes away from you.) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a long, straight road using your vanishing point. Draw one large house near the bottom of the page and one small house near the horizon line to show distance.



Extension challenge: Try adding a row of fence posts along the side of the road. Remember: the posts should get smaller as they get closer to the vanishing point!