

Zara's Still Life Studio

Learning objective: To learn how to arrange objects to create a still life drawing.

Zara the Zebra loves to spot patterns and shapes in the things around her. Look at the objects on the table. Follow the steps below to make your own still life art.

A still life is a drawing of objects that do not move. These are things like fruit, vases, or toys. Artists choose these items carefully to make a beautiful picture.

Word bank: Still Life · Shape · Texture · Composition · Shadow · Light

1. Zara has an apple, a book, and a mug. Tick two of these items that would be good to draw for a still life. (2 marks)

2. Where should you place your objects? Circle the best answer: A) In a messy pile on the floor. B) Arranged neatly on a table. (1 mark)

3. Look at an object near you. Describe its shape. (Sentence starter: My object is a...) (2 marks)

4. Why do we use light and shadow in art? (Sentence starter: Light and shadow make the drawing look...) (2 marks)

Draw: In the box below, draw three objects from your classroom or home. Remember to draw their outlines first, then add patterns or shading to show how light hits them.



Extension challenge: Find a fruit or a toy at home. Draw it three times from different sides (front, side, and top). Which view do you like best?