

Zara's Lowry Adventure: Painting Our Town

Learning objective: To explore the art of L.S. Lowry, focusing on his use of matchstick figures and simple shapes to represent life in a busy town.

Look at the patterns and shapes in the paintings of L.S. Lowry. Use your pencil and colours to complete the tasks below. Remember, Zara the Zebra loves to see how artists make their work special!

L.S. Lowry was a famous artist who loved to paint the busy streets where he lived. He painted lots of people who looked like tiny matchsticks. He used simple shapes like rectangles for buildings and circles for heads. His paintings show us how people move and work together in a town.

Word bank: matchstick · town · shapes · people · busy · colours

1. L.S. Lowry painted people that look like what object? (2 marks)

2. If you look at a building in a Lowry painting, what shape is it mostly? (2 marks)

3. Are the streets in Lowry's paintings quiet or busy? (2 marks)

4. If you were to paint your street, what colour would you paint the sky? (2 marks)

5. How many matchstick people can you draw in your drawing box? (2 marks)

Draw: In the space below, draw your own busy town using only matchstick people and simple shapes for houses. Make sure your people are walking in different directions!



Extension challenge: Find a partner and describe one thing your matchstick person is doing in your picture. Is it going to the shops? Is it playing a game?