

Zara's Art Studio: Near and Far

Learning objective: To explore the concept of perspective by understanding that objects appear smaller when they are further away and larger when they are closer.

Help Zara the Zebra create a masterpiece! Today we are looking at how to show distance in our art. Look at the scene in front of you. Pick one thing that is close to you and one thing that is far away. Draw them in the boxes below and describe what you see using your best handwriting.

Word bank: big · small · near · far · close · tiny · huge · distance

1. My Big Object: What is something close to you? Describe how big it looks.

2. My Tiny Object: What is something far away? Describe how small it looks.

3. The Difference: If you walked towards the far object, would it start to look bigger or smaller?

4. Artist's Choice: Pick one colour you used for the object nearby. Why did you choose it?

5. Zara's Reflection: If you were painting a giant mountain, would you paint it very small or very big at the top of your paper?

Extension challenge: Go outside with a partner. Stand on one side of the playground and look at a tree or a building. Walk slowly towards it and talk to your partner about how the size seems to change as you get closer!