

Zara's Colourful Garden

Learning objective: To retrieve information, make inferences and express opinions based on a creative text.

Read the story about Zara. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Zara the zebra loved to paint. She did not like plain walls. She wanted to make her garden look special. Zara went to the shop. She bought three pots of paint for £5 each. She chose bright yellow, ocean blue, and cherry red. Zara walked home to her garden. She had a big idea. She wanted to paint a giant star on her wooden fence. Zara dipped her brush into the yellow paint. She moved her brush in a steady pattern. She made triangles and lines. Soon, the fence looked like a sunny sky. Next, she painted blue waves at the bottom. Zara felt very happy. She looked at her work and smiled. She knew that art could change how a place felt. To Zara, a garden was a blank page waiting for a story. She felt proud of her colourful design. She decided to paint a red sun next. Zara loved being creative. Her garden was now the most beautiful place in the meadow.

Word bank: creative · pattern · bright · paint · imagine · cheerful

1. How much did Zara pay for one pot of paint? (1 mark)

2. What three colours did Zara buy for her garden? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Zara chose to paint a 'sunny sky' on her fence? (2 marks)

4. How did Zara feel when she finished painting her fence? How do you know? (2 marks)

5. Would you like to paint a picture in your own garden? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Zara the zebra painting a bright, colourful pattern on her garden fence.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a new design you would paint in Zara's garden. Use at least one word from the word bank.