Zara’s Famous Artist Word Mat

Learning objective: To learn and understand key vocabulary used when looking at the work of famous artists.

Key Vocabulary

Zara the Zebra wants to help you talk about art! Use this word mat to help you describe paintings and sculptures. Grouped by category: Art Styles, Describing Words, and Tools.

Portrait A painting or drawing of a person's f…	**Landscape** A picture that shows natural sce…	**Abstract** Art that uses shapes and colours i…
Sculpture A 3D piece of art made by carving…	**Sketch** A quick, rough drawing to plan an id…	**Primary Colours** The three main colours (re…
Secondary Colou… Colours made by mixin…	**Texture** How a surface looks or feels, like ro…	**Brushstroke** A mark made by a paintbrush …
Composition How the artist arranges the ob…	**Contrast** When very different things are next…	**Canvas** The fabric surface that an artist pain…
Palette The board an artist uses to mix their …	**Gallery** A building where art is kept and sho…	**Exhibit** A display of artwork for people to loo…