Zara’s Sketching Studio

Learning objective: To learn how to use light and dark lines to sketch a simple object.

Follow Zara the Zebra’s tips to complete your sketches. Use a pencil to draw light lines first. Then, press harder to add dark lines. If you need help, look at the word bank below.

Word bank: Sketch · Pencil · Light · Dark · Texture · Outline

1. Zara says to start with a very light line. Why do we start with a light line instead of a dark one? (2 marks)

2. Look at the object in front of you. List two words to describe its shape (for example: round, square, long). (2 marks)

3. If you want to make a part of your drawing look like it is in the shadow, should you use a light line or a dark line? (1 mark)

4. Name one tool you use to create a sketch. (1 mark)

Draw: Find a piece of fruit, like an apple or a pear. Draw a sketch of the fruit in the box below. Remember: start with light lines to get the shape right, then add dark lines for the edges.

Extension challenge: Try to add 'texture' to your drawing. Can you add tiny dots or wavy lines to show how the skin of the fruit feels?