

Zara's Sketching Adventure

Learning objective: To develop fine motor control and observational skills by sketching patterns and shapes found in nature.

Zara the Zebra loves to spot patterns in the world around her. Today, you are going to be an artist just like Zara! Look at the objects in the 'questions' list below. Use your pencil to create a quick sketch of each item. Remember, a sketch doesn't have to be perfect; it is all about drawing the shapes you see, like circles, lines, and zig-zags.

Word bank: sketch · pattern · observe · shape · line · texture

1. Look at a leaf. Can you sketch the lines that run through the middle of it? (2 marks)

2. Find a stone. Can you sketch its shape? Is it round like a circle or bumpy like a cloud? (2 marks)

3. Look at your own hand. Can you sketch the lines on your palm? (2 marks)

4. Find a piece of fruit. Can you sketch the round shape of the fruit? (2 marks)

5. Look at the patterns on your clothing. Can you sketch the dots, stripes, or shapes you see? (2 marks)

Draw: Zara the Zebra wants to see your best art! In the space below, draw your favourite animal using only simple shapes like circles, triangles, and lines.



Extension challenge: Take your sketchbook outside with a grown-up. Can you find three different things with patterns, such as tree bark, a flower petal, or a brick wall, and sketch each one?