

Zara's Watercolour Wonders

Learning objective: To understand how to use water to change the intensity and tone of watercolour paints.

Zara the zebra loves patterns! Today, we are learning how to make colours light or dark. Follow these steps:

1. Dip your brush in water. 2. Pick up some paint. 3. Paint a 'heavy' square with lots of paint. 4. Add more water to your brush and paint a 'light' square next to it. Look at the questions below to see how Zara experiments with her colours.

Word bank: water · light · dark · brush · paint · tint

1. If I add more water to my paint, will the colour become lighter or darker? Start your sentence with: The colour will become... (2 marks)

2. What do we call it when we add water to a colour to make it a soft shade? Use a word from the word bank. (1 mark)

3. Zara wants to paint a £2 picture of a sunset. She needs a dark colour for the bottom. Should she use lots of paint or lots of water? (1 mark)

4. Why do we wash our brush in a pot of clean water before we choose a new colour? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a line of circles. In the first circle, use a very dark colour. In each circle after that, add a little more water until the last circle is almost white.



Extension challenge: Try mixing two colours together on your paper while they are still wet. What new colour did you make?