

Collage Creations with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To explore the techniques of collage by layering textures, patterns, and materials to create a coherent artistic composition.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of composition, texture, and visual balance to answer. For the practical sections, think like an artist and justify your creative choices.

Word bank: Texture · Composition · Overlaying · Juxtaposition · Medium · Fragment · Harmony · Contrast

1. Zara is designing a collage of a forest. She wants to create a sense of depth. Explain why overlaying different materials, such as rough cardboard for tree trunks and smooth tissue paper for leaves, helps to achieve this effect. (2 marks)

2. Define the term 'juxtaposition' in the context of collage. How could you use it to make a mundane object look more interesting in your artwork? (2 marks)

3. Compare and contrast using a magazine cut-out versus using hand-painted paper in a collage. Which would you choose to create a focal point, and why? (3 marks)

4. If you were creating a collage titled 'The Busy Marketplace', how would you use colour and shape to ensure the viewer's eye travels across the entire page? (2 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Is it better for a collage to have a consistent colour palette, or should it feature a wide variety of contrasting colours? Support your view with an artistic reason. (3 marks)

6. What might happen to the overall balance of your collage if you placed all your main elements in the centre of the page? Suggest a solution to improve the composition. (2 marks)

Draw: In the space below, sketch a thumbnail plan for a collage inspired by 'The Natural World'. Label where you would place different textures (e.g., 'smooth', 'crinkled', 'fibrous') and indicate which areas will be overlapping.



Extension challenge: Design a 'found object' collage plan. List five items you could scavenge from around your home that are not traditional art supplies (e.g., old receipts, postage stamps, dried leaves). Explain how their specific textures add meaning to your chosen theme.