

Zara's Big and Small Art Adventure

Learning objective: To understand that objects look smaller when they are further away and larger when they are close up.

Look at the pictures and use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Ask an adult if you need help reading the words.

Zara the zebra is painting a picture of her garden. She notices that the flowers right in front of her look very big, but the flowers at the end of the garden look tiny! This is called perspective. When we draw, things that are close to us are drawn large, and things that are far away are drawn small.

Word bank: big · small · near · far · perspective

1. If a ladybird is sitting right on your nose, will it look big or small? (2 marks)

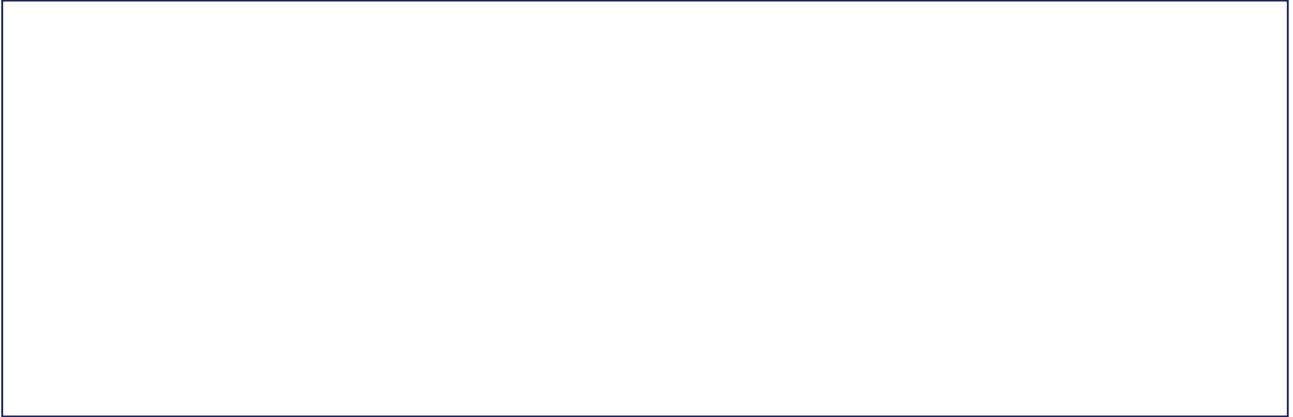
2. If you see a tree far away at the park, does it look like a giant or a little toy? (2 marks)

3. Zara is painting. Should she draw a house close to her big or small? (2 marks)

4. Why do things look different sizes when they are at different distances? (2 marks)

5. Can you name one thing in your classroom that looks big because it is near you? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a park. Draw one tree very close to the front of the page so it is big, and draw another tree way off in the distance so it is very small.



Extension challenge: Go outside and look at a tall building. Walk towards it and away from it. Does it seem to change size? Tell a friend what you noticed about how the building looks.