

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 colors 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 colors.

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

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

2. What do we call it when we add water to a color 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 color 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 color? (2 marks)

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



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