

Zara's Patterned Portraits

Learning objective: To explore how artists use different patterns, colours, and facial expressions to show personality in a portrait.

Zara the zebra loves patterns! Look at the faces below. Each face shows a different mood. Match the description to the right feeling. Then, use the space provided to draw a self-portrait. Use lines, dots, or shapes to show your personality in the background.

Word bank: Happy · Sad · Surprised · Angry · Calm · Portrait · Pattern · Expression

1. 1. A face with wide eyes and an open mouth usually means someone is feeling... (1 mark)

2. 2. If a person has a smile and bright eyes, which word from the bank describes them? (1 mark)

3. 3. What do we call a picture of a person's face? (1 mark)

4. 4. Draw a zig-zag line in this box. How does it make you feel? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a portrait of yourself in the box below. Add a pattern to your clothes or the background to show what you like. For example, draw stars if you like space, or leaves if you like nature.



Extension challenge: Pick two different colours. Use them to create a repeating pattern in the border of your portrait.