Zara's Wonderful World of Collage

1. Possible answers: Green felt, torn green paper, or dried leaves for grass; red tissue paper, fabric scraps, or coloured card for petals. (3 marks)

Working: Identify materials that mimic the visual or tactile qualities of garden elements.

Award 1 mark for each valid material listed, up to 3 marks.

2. We overlap pieces to create a layer, which adds depth and makes the collage look more interesting. (2 marks)

Look for: The student must use the word 'layer' to explain that overlapping creates depth or hides the base.

Good: We overlap to make a layer.

Better: We overlap pieces to create a layer so the background does not show through.

Best: We overlap pieces to create a layer, which adds depth and makes the collage look more realistic.

What moves an answer up: The best answer explains the purpose (depth/realism) rather than just stating the action.

3. Crinkled brown paper. It is better because it looks bumpy and rough, just like a hedgehog's spikes. (2 marks)

Working: Compare the properties of tissue paper (smooth) vs. crinkled paper (rough).

Award 1 mark for choosing crinkled paper and 1 mark for the reason relating to texture.

4. I could stick small seeds in the centre or draw a honeycomb pattern to make it look interesting. (2 marks)

Working: Apply knowledge of patterns to a geometric shape (hexagon).

Award 1 mark for a creative idea and 1 mark for explaining how it adds interest.

5. I would choose blue paper for the sea and yellow paper for the sand because they are the right colours for the seaside. (3 marks)

Look for: The student must choose a material/colour and provide a logical reason based on the seaside theme.

Good: I would use blue paper for the sea.

Better: I would use blue paper for the sea because it looks like water.

Best: I would use light blue paper for the sea and yellow paper for the sand to show the difference between the water and the beach.

What moves an answer up: The best answer shows a complete understanding of the scene composition.

What a secure answer looks like

A secure answer demonstrates an understanding that collage is about selecting materials that represent the physical qualities of the subject.

If your child is stuck

Ask the child to touch different items in the room and describe how they feel (e.g., smooth, bumpy, soft) to help them choose materials.

Common mistakes to watch for

Children often forget that collage is about texture and may try to draw everything instead of sticking materials down.