Zara’s Beautiful British Landscapes

Learning objective: I can create a landscape drawing using foreground, middle ground, and background to show depth.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to look out of a window and identify which objects are closest and which are furthest away.

Follow Zara the Zebra’s steps to build your landscape. Start by drawing a horizontal line across your page; this is your horizon line.

Example: To show depth, make objects in the foreground (at the bottom of the page) large and objects in the background (near the horizon) small.

Draw: Create a landscape of a British village green. Include a large oak tree in the foreground, a stone cottage in the middle ground, and rolling hills in the background. Use light pencil strokes for the background and heavy, dark strokes for the foreground.

Label words: foreground · middle ground · background · horizon · landscape

Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a wavy horizon line. Label the 'sky' above it and the 'land' below it.

2. Step 2: Draw a large oak tree in the foreground. Why should this tree be drawn bigger than a tree in the distance?
3. Step 3: Add a small hill in the background. Label the 'horizon' on your drawing.
4. Step 4: Use your pencil to shade the foreground darker than the background to create contrast.
5. Step 5: Add a small detail in the middle ground, like a tiny fox or a patch of daffodils.



I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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