Zara’s Guide to Drawing Distance

Learning objective: I can create the illusion of depth in my drawings by using a horizon line and perspective.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to hold their pencil out at arm's length to compare the sizes of objects in the real world.

To make things look far away, we use perspective. First, draw a horizontal line across your page; this is the 'horizon line'. Objects drawn near this line look further away. Objects drawn larger and lower on the page look closer to us. For example, a tree near the bottom of your page should be drawn much taller than a tree placed near the horizon line.

Draw: Draw a sunny meadow landscape. Include a large, detailed hedgehog in the foreground and a much smaller, simpler hedgehog near the horizon line. Add a path that starts wide at the bottom of the page and tapers to a point on the horizon line. Use light colours for the distant hills and brighter colours for the grass in the foreground.

Label words: Horizon line · Foreground · Background · Vanishing point · Scale

Steps:

1. Draw a straight horizontal line across the centre of your page to represent where the sky meets

the land.

2. In the bottom corner, draw a large hedgehog. This is the foreground.

3. Near your horizon line, draw a much smaller hedgehog. Why does it look smaller? Write one sentence.

4. Draw a winding path that starts wide at the bottom and gets thinner as it reaches the horizon line.

5. Label your drawing using at least three words from the word bank.



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