Zara’s Art Studio: Mastering Perspective

Learning objective: I can explain what perspective is and how artists use it to show distance.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child to find examples of perspective while looking at pictures in their favourite storybooks.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of how artists create the illusion of depth. Example: If you see a card that says 'What is Perspective?', the answer is 'A way of showing 3D objects on a flat surface'.

What is perspective in art?	A technique used to make flat drawings look 3D.
What is the 'foreground'?	The part of an image that looks closest to the viewer.
What is the 'background'?	The part of an image that looks furthest away.
What is the horizon line?	The horizontal line where the sky meets the ground.
What happens to objects as they get further away?	They appear smaller and higher up on the page.
What is a vanishing point?	A spot where lines seem to meet and disappear in the distance.
True or false: Objects in the foreground should be drawn larger.	True.
Does overlapping objects create a sense of depth?	Yes, it shows one thing is in front of another.
What are parallel lines?	Lines that stay the same distance apart and never touch.
Why do artists use perspective?	To make a drawing look realistic and deep like the real world.