Zara’s Guide to Drawing Distance

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to look out of the window and identify objects that look smaller because they are far away.

Follow Zara the Zebra’s tips to create depth in your art! Try the 'vanishing point' trick: draw a small dot on your page. Draw all your lines towards this dot to make objects look like they are moving away into the distance.

- **Why do objects look smaller when you draw them near the top of your page?**
- **What is the name of the line that shows where the sky meets the ground?**
- **If you draw a fox in the foreground, how should you draw a badger in the background to show distance?**
- **Where should you place your vanishing point if you want your road to disappear in the middle of the paper?**
- **Look at a tree outside. Does the trunk look wider when it is close to you or far away?**

Did you know? Did you know? Artists use a trick called 'linear perspective' to fool our eyes! By drawing a flat horizon line across the middle of the paper, they can show where the earth meets the sky, making their paintings look like you could walk right into them.

Key vocabulary: Perspective · Vanishing point · Horizon line · Foreground · Background