Zara’s Cubist Colours: A Picasso Quiz

Learning objective: I can identify key facts about Pablo Picasso and his artistic style.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Look at some pictures of Picasso's work online together and ask your child which shapes they can spot.

Read each question carefully. For multiple choice, pick the best answer. For True or False, write the full word. Zara the Zebra is here to help you spot patterns in art!

Pablo Picasso was a famous artist born in Spain in 1881. He is well known for starting a style called Cubism. This style shows objects from many different angles at the same time. He used bright colours and strange shapes. Sometimes, he painted sad pictures, which people call his 'Blue Period'. Later, he made art using pieces of paper and newspaper, which is called a collage. He loved to experiment and try new things throughout his long life.

Word bank: Cubism · Portrait · Abstract · Blue Period · Collage

1. 1. Where was Pablo Picasso born? A) London B) Spain* C) France D) Italy (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Picasso invented a style of art called Cubism. (1 mark)

3. 3. What does the 'Cubism' style show? A) Only one side of a face B) Only landscapes C) Many angles at once* D) Only black and white lines (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the name for art made by sticking pieces of paper onto a surface? (One word answer) (1 mark)

5. 5. Which colour period is often linked to Picasso’s sad paintings? A) Red B) Yellow C) Green D) Blue* (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Picasso only painted using one type of brush his whole life. (1 mark)

7. 7. Picasso enjoyed painting people. What is a painting of a person called? A) A landscape B) A portrait* C) A still life D) A sculpture (1 mark)

8. 8. Picasso was born in the year 1881. How many years ago was that? (Use the current year 2024 as a guide) (1 mark)

9. 9. Did Picasso use bright or dull colours in his Cubist work? A) Always dull B) Often bright* C) Never used colour D) Only grey (1 mark)

10. 10. Why do you think Picasso might have chosen to paint faces with different angles? Give one reason. (1 mark)

Draw: A friendly zebra artist painting a picture of a cat using triangles and squares instead of smooth lines.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are a Cubist artist! Draw your favourite piece of fruit, but show it from the front, the side, and the top all in one picture.

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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