Zara’s Gallery: My Special Portrait

Learning objective: I can observe and describe the features and personality of a person to create a portrait.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to look for small details like freckles or the way hair falls to make their portrait unique.

Today, you are going to be an artist just like Zara! A portrait is a picture of a person that shows how they look and what they are like. Look closely at your subject and fill in the boxes below to plan your masterpiece. Worked example: For 'Eye Colour', you might write 'My sister has bright hazel eyes that look like autumn leaves.'

Word bank: expression · features · texture · personality · background · shading · mood · detail

1. Who is the subject of your portrait? Describe their relationship to you and why you chose them. (2 marks)

2. Describe the subject's face. What shape is it, and what do their eyes and mouth tell you about their mood? (3 marks)

3. What clothing or accessories are they wearing? Mention the colours and patterns you can see. (2 marks)

4. Where is the person standing? Describe the background of the portrait and why you chose this setting. (3 marks)

5. If you were to use one word to describe this person's personality, what would it be? Explain your choice. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a sketch of your subject in the frame provided, focusing on the shape of their face and the expression in their eyes.

Extension challenge: Try drawing the same person again, but imagine they are feeling a different emotion, like surprise or excitement. How does this change the lines on their face?

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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