Zara’s Sketching Secrets

Learning objective: I can identify and use different techniques to create a pencil sketch.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child to find objects around the house and describe their texture before they try to sketch them.

Read the term on the front of the flashcard. Try to explain what it means before checking the answer on the back. For example: 'Front: Line | Answer: A mark made by a pencil moving across paper.'

What is a sketch?	A quick drawing made to capture an idea or a shape.
What is an outline?	The line that shows the outer edge or shape of an object.
What does 'pressure' mean in sketching?	How hard or soft you press your pencil against the paper.
How do you create a light mark?	By pressing the pencil very gently against the paper.
What is shading?	Using a pencil to show where shadows or dark areas are.
What is texture?	How a surface looks or feels, like rough bark or smooth glass.
What does a 'cross-hatching' technique look like?	Drawing layers of criss-crossing lines to make an area look darker.
What is a 'blending' technique?	Smudging or rubbing pencil marks to make them look smooth.
What is the purpose of an eraser?	To remove unwanted lines or to add light highlights to a drawing.
Why do artists use observation?	To look closely at an object to draw all its details correctly.