Zara’s Still Life Art Studio

Learning objective: I can identify and define key terms used in still life painting.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child to find objects around the house to describe using these new art words.

Read the front of the flashcard and try to guess the answer before looking at the back. For example: Front: What is a portrait? | Answer: A drawing or painting of a person.

What is a 'Still Life' painting?	**What does 'inanimate' mean?**
A piece of art showing inanimate objects like fruit or flowers.	Objects that are not alive and do not move.
What is the 'composition' of a picture?	**What is the 'foreground'?**
How the artist arranges the objects on the page.	The part of the artwork that looks closest to the viewer.
What is the 'background'?	**What does 'observational' drawing mean?**
The area of the picture that appears furthest away.	Drawing exactly what you see in front of you.
What is 'texture' in a painting?	**What is a 'viewpoint' in art?**
How a surface looks like it would feel, such as rough or smooth.	The position from which the artist looks at the objects.
Why do artists use a 'sketch' first?	**Name three items common in a still life.**
To plan where the objects will go before painting.	Fruit, vases, and books.
What is a 'highlight'?	**What is a 'shadow'?**
The brightest spot on an object where light hits it.	A dark area created when light is blocked by an object.