



Specialist Subject Vocabulary-Art



Line

The basic method of creating art; used to define shape, tone, texture or shade.

Tone

The general effect of colours and shades in art.

Form

The shape of an object.

Colour

Any of the hues in the light spectrum, e.g. red, blue etc; the use of colour in artistic creations.

Texture

The quality of the surface of an object.

Root Word: text - woven

Composition

The act of combining parts or elements to form a whole.

Root Word: pose - put, place

Pattern

A repeated design added for decoration.

Abstract

A style of art that is not realistic, but uses shape, texture and colour to create effects.

Prefix: **ab** - away from

Primary

Any of the three basic colours that cannot be created from other colours: red, blue and yellow.

Prefix: **prime** - first

Suffix: **ary** - to do with

Secondary

To do with the second in a sequence; any of the colours made by mixing two primary colours, e.g. orange (red and yellow mixed).

Suffix: **ary** - to do with, like

Root Word: second



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Juxtaposition

The placing of two contrasting images, items, etc. next to each other to create an effect.

Prefix: **juxta** - next to (Latin)

Suffix: **tion** - act, process or result
Root Word: pose - place, put

Perspective

The illusion of three dimensions in a 2D image: used to create an illusion of space and depth.

Prefix: **per** - through

Suffix: **ive** - like, by nature

Root Word: spect - looking

Monochromatic

In black and white, or in different tones of one colour.

Prefix: **mono** - single

Suffix: **ic** - to do with, like

Root Word: chrom - colour

Complementary

Opposite, clashing colours on a colour wheel which balance each other out; when mixed together they create black (or white if using coloured light).

Prefix: **co / com** - together, with

Root Word: ple - filling

Proportion

The comparison of the size or amount of one detail to another in a work of art.

Chiaroscuro effect

The effect caused by a strong contrast between light and dark on an image.

Stylised

To design in or cause to conform to a particular [style](#), as of representation or treatment in art; conventionalize.

Representation

Art that seeks to depict the physical appearance of reality.

Interpretation

An explanation of the meaning of another's artistic or creative work.

Suffix: **tion** - act, process or result

Contextual

Contextual sources may be works by artists, designers, craftspeople or architects, as well as cultural objects and artefacts.