

Year A

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Art Vocabulary - Painting and mixed media: Prehistoric art

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
cave painting		A prehistoric picture on the interior of a cave, often depicting animals.	
charcoal		It is a black substance made from burning wood and can be used for drawing with.	
geometric shape		Geometric shapes are mathematical shapes. They are characterised by straight lines, angles and points with the exception of the circle.	
hue		A colour or shade.	
negative image		The space that surrounds a particular figure or object.	
organic shape		Shapes, often curved in appearance, that are similar to those found in nature, such as plants, animals, and rocks. The are irregular and asymmetrical.	
pigment		The natural colouring matter of animal or plant tissue.	
positive image		This represents the space where the object exists.	
prehistoric		The period before written records.	
primary colour		A group of colours from which all other colours can be obtained by mixing: red, blue and yellow.	
proportion		It describes how the sizes of different parts of a piece of art or design relate to each other.	
scaled up		To be made bigger.	
sketch		To make a rough drawing of something.	
shade		A slight degree of difference between colours.	
smudging		To rub the surface so that it is blurred.	
texture		The feel or appearance of a surface or substance.	
tone		The relative lightness or darkness of a colour.	

Art Vocabulary - Drawing: Power Prints

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
abstract		It does not try to represent reality.	
blend		Gently intermingling two or more colours or values to create a gradual transition or to soften lines.	
block print		The process of carving patterns, shapes and designs into a 'block'.	
charcoal		A solid drawing stick that produces a black line traditionally made from willow.	
collage		Cutting, arranging and sticking materials like paper, fabric etc to a background.	
composition		Putting different elements together in a pleasing way.	
contrast		Anything that distinguishes one form from another.	
cross-hatching		Cross-hatching is an extension of hatching, which uses fine parallel lines drawn closely together to create the illusion of shade or texture in a drawing.	
engraving		Lines cut into a hard surface which is covered in ink and printed.	
figurative		It is clearly derived from real object sources. The term is often in contrast to abstract art.	
gradient		A visual technique of gradually going from one colour hue to another, or from one shade to another, or one texture to another.	
hatching		A shading technique that implies shade, tone, or texture. The technique is done with a series of thin, parallel lines.	
highlight		The area of an object where the light effects is most intense.	
mark-making		different lines, patterns, and textures	
mixed media		Different materials e.g. collage, printing and painting all on 1 painting.	
monoprint		A form of printmaking where the image can only be made once.	
observational		The process of drawing what you see from life.	
drawing			
parallel		Straight lines that do not meet.	
pattern		Patterns are created through the arrangement of shapes, forms, or lines.	
printing technique		Creating prints in different ways e.g. monoprint, block print.	
proportion		How big one element of an artwork appears compared to the whole thing.	
shading		Drawn marks to illustrate degrees of light and dark.	
shadow		Used to create the illusion of three dimensions on a two-dimensional surface. To add depth.	
symmetrical		Something is symmetrical when it is the same on both sides. A shape has symmetry if a central dividing line (a mirror line) can be drawn on it, to show that both sides of the shape are exactly the same.	
three		The use of lines, shadows etc to make a 2D drawing look like there is	
dimensional (3D)		depth and therefore 3D.	
tone		How light or dark something is.	
viewfinder		A card frame that lets you focus on a specific view.	
wax-resist		Using wax to stop another material, like paint, from sticking permanently to a surface.	



Art Vocabulary - Craft and design: Ancient Egyptian scrolls

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
ancient		Belonging to the very distant past.	·
audience		A group of people who see/read what is being shared.	
civilisation		the society, culture, and way of life of a particular area	
colour		The appearance an object has as a result of the way in which it reflects light.	
composition		The works of art that artists have produced.	
convey		To communicate a message/information.	
design		To plan and prepare it, and decide on all the details of it.	
Egyptian		Belonging or relating to Egypt or to its people, language, or culture.	
fold		A bend that you make on a piece of paper when you put one part of it over another part and press the edge.	
imagery		Pictures and representations of things that act as symbols.	
inform		To tell someone about something.	
layout		The way in which the parts of it are arranged.	
material		The matter from which a thing is or can be made.	
papyrus		A material prepared in ancient Egypt from the stem of a water plant,	
		used in sheets throughout the ancient Mediterranean world for writing	
		or painting on and also for making articles such as rope.	
painting		The action or skill of using paint.	
pattern		a repeated decorative design	
process		A series of actions or steps taken in order to achieve a particular end.	
scale		The relation between the real size of something and its size on the drawing.	
scroll		A long roll of paper or papyrus with usually official writing on it.	
sculpture		The art of forming solid objects that represent a thing, person, idea, etc. out of a material such as wood, clay, metal, or stone etc.	
shape		An arrangement that is formed by joining lines together in a particular way or by the line or lines around its outer edge.	
technique		A way of doing something that needs skill or thought.	
zine		A small magazine that is produced by one person or a small group of people, and is about a subject they are interested in.	



Art Vocabulary - Sculpture and 3D: Making memories

Words	RAG	Definition	Tally
assemblage		A work of art made by grouping together found or unrelated objects.	
attribute		A quality or characteristic that someone or something has.	
collection		A group of objects of one type that have been collected by one person or in one place.	
composition		The works of art that artists have produced.	
embedded		Fixed into the surface of something.	
expression		Ideas or feelings shown through words, actions, or artistic activities.	
identity		A person's name and other facts about who they are.	
juxtaposition		Putting things that are not similar next to each other.	
literal		Based on their ordinary meaning; not figurative or symbolic.	
manipulate		To handle or use, especially with some skill, in a process or action.	
originality		The ability to think independently and creatively.	
pitfall		a hidden or unsuspected difficulty	
relief		A method of raising shapes above a flat surface so that they appear to stand out slightly from it.	
representation		a sign, picture, model etc. of something	
sculpture		The art of forming solid objects that represent a thing, person, idea, etc. out of a material such as wood, clay, metal, or stone etc.	
self		Your basic personality or nature, especially considered in terms of what you are really like as a person.	
tradition		A custom or belief that has existed for a long time.	
symbolic		Something which is used to describe things involving or relating to symbols.	