

Art and Design

A Guide to Perspective Drawing



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Aim

- To learn how to draw a picture using perspective

Success Criteria

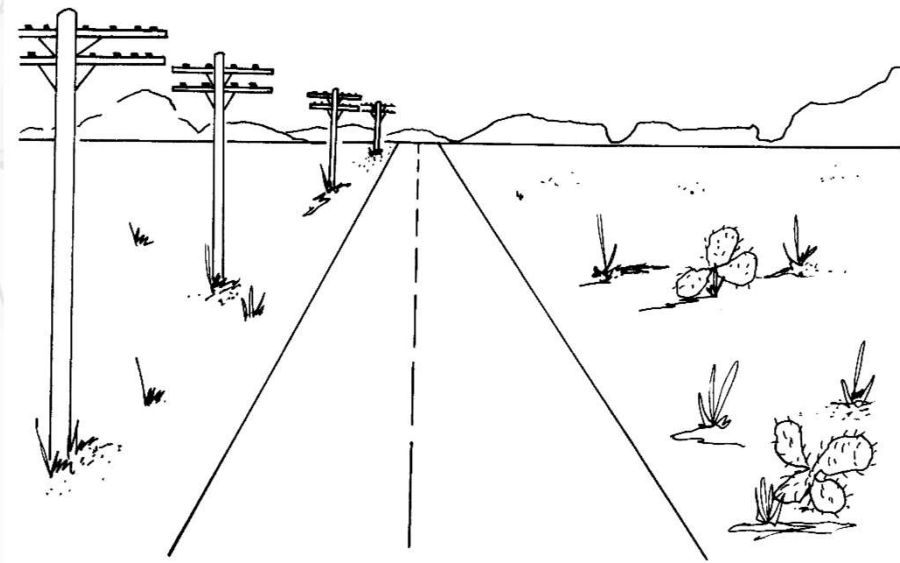
- I can explain what perspective is.
- I can use the following guidelines to help create perspective: the horizon line, vanishing point and lines of perspective.
- I can include objects in the distance, showing they are far away.

What is Perspective Drawing?

Perspective drawing brings two dimensional drawings and paintings to life.

Perspective drawings make 2D objects appear three dimensional.

This makes the picture more realistic as it appears to get further away.



One-Point Perspective

A one-point perspective drawing means that the lines of perspective will eventually meet at one point.

This point is called the vanishing point.

This is usually directly in front of the viewers eye.

One-point perspective is often used to draw street scenes, roads and rail tracks.

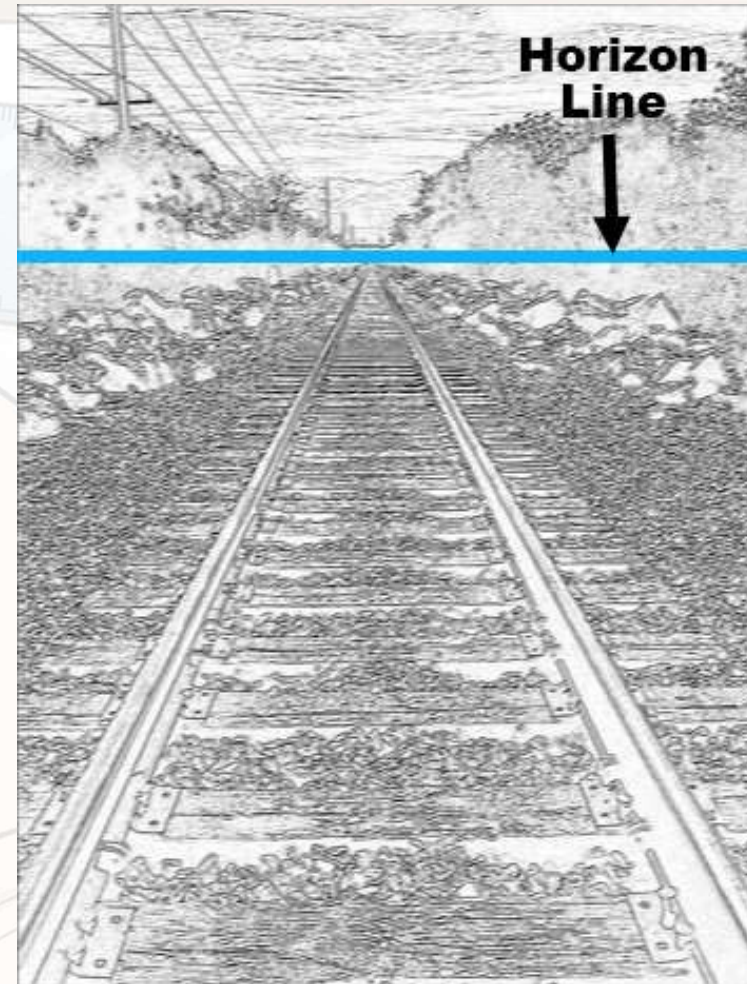


The Horizon Line

The horizon line represents where the sky meets the land or sea in a picture.

This line is important to remember as the vanishing point will often sit on the horizon line.

Typically it is in line with the viewer's eye level.



Examples

Think about where your eye is drawn to...

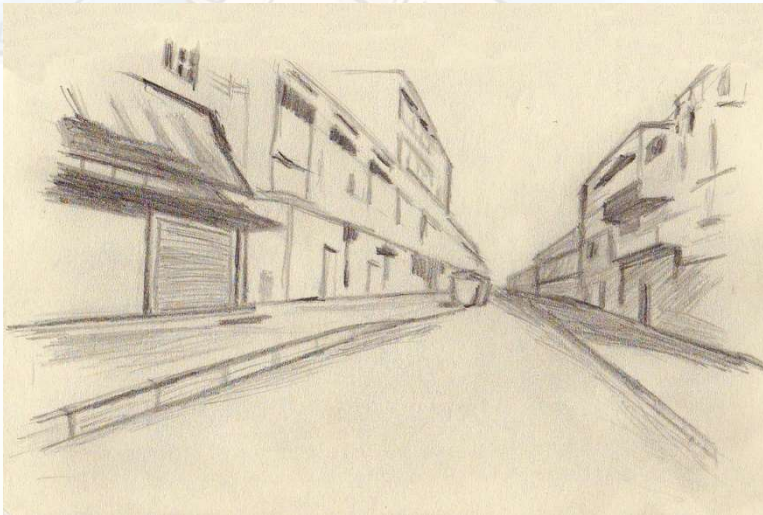


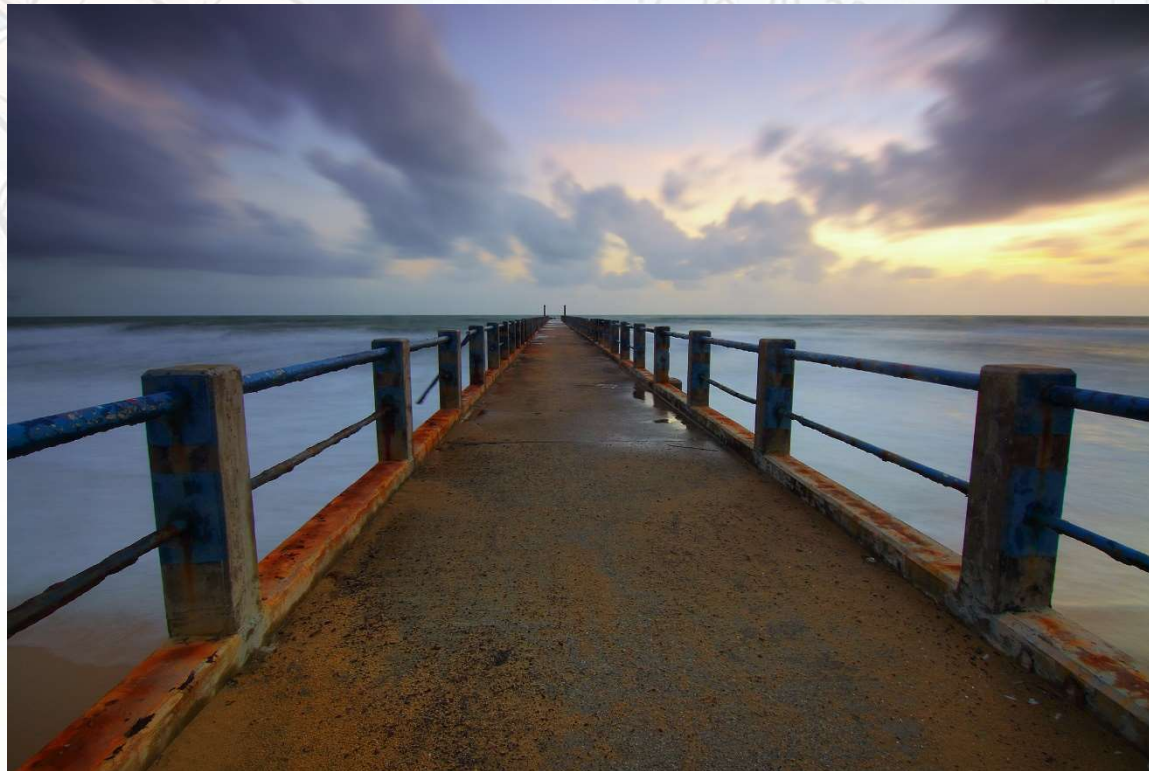
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Key Points

- Shapes that face the viewer are drawn in accurate form.
- Shapes that travel into the distance follow the perspective lines in the direction of the vanishing point.
- A ruler will help mark out accurate guidelines.

Activity 1

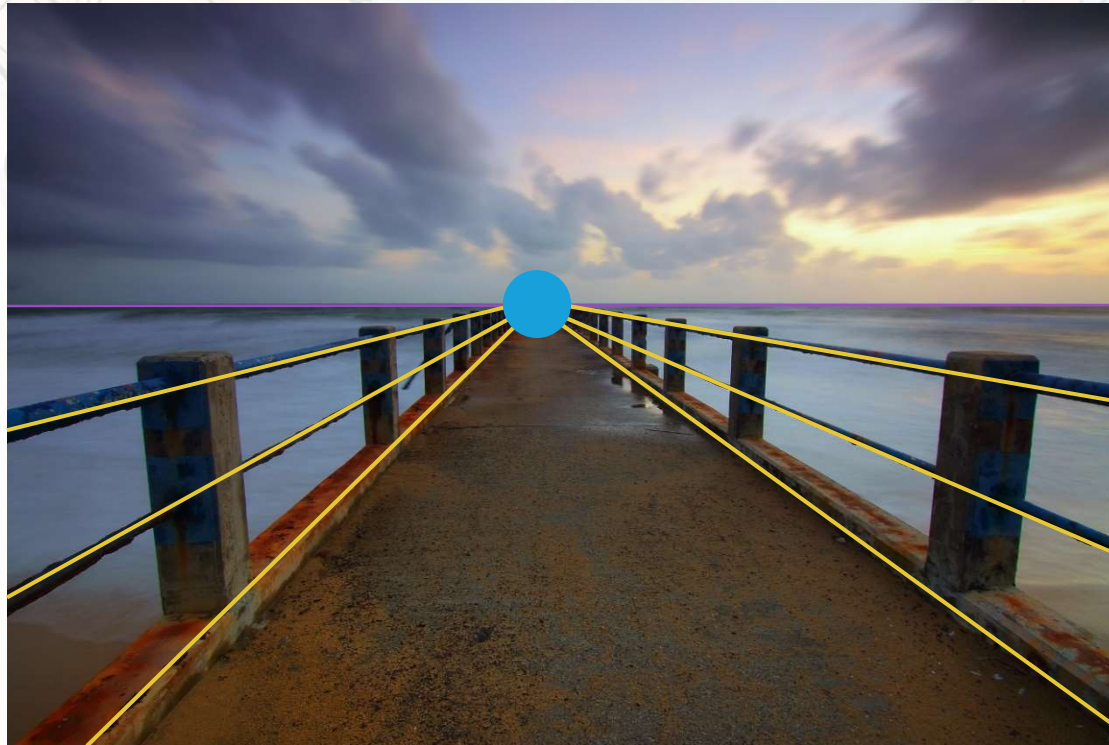
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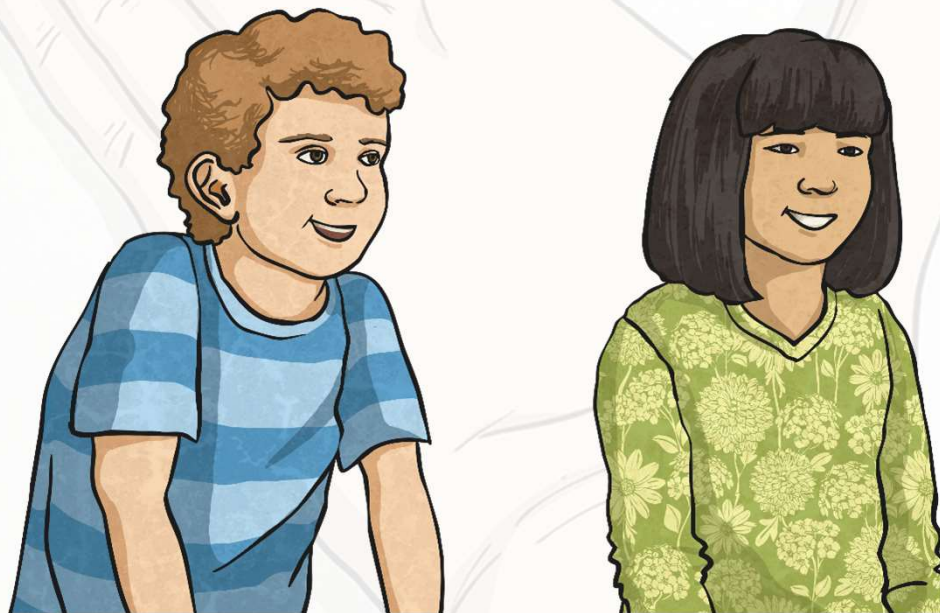
The
vanishing
point

Lines of
perspective

Paired Activity

Using one of the laminated photographs from the perspective photo pack, annotate the lines of perspective, horizon line and the vanishing point.

Swap with another pair, do you agree with their markings?

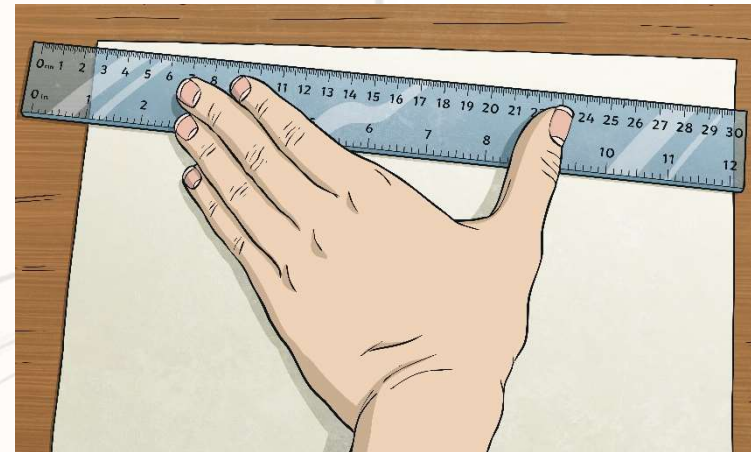


Activity 2

Using one of the photographs as a stimulus, draw your very own perspective piece.

Handy tips

- Use a ruler to draw faint guidelines to show the vanishing point, horizon line and lines of perspective.
- Look carefully at the photograph and only draw what you see!
- Begin by sketching the biggest object. Then draw the rest in proportion to this.



Plenary

Looking at your own drawing from this session consider:

- Can the vanishing point be identified?
- Are there clear lines of perspective?
- Can the horizon line be recognised?

Discuss with a partner.

