

Year 9 Art Vocabulary Summer

Tier 2 language

Key Term	Meaning
Composition	The arrangement of visual elements in an artwork to create balance, focus, and harmony.
Observation	The act of closely studying a subject to accurately represent it in art.
Holistically	All together.

Tier 3 language

Pointillism	A painting technique using small, distinct dots of pure colour to form an image, relying on optical blending.
Impressionism	An art movement focused on capturing light and natural forms with loose brushwork and vibrant colours.
Negative Space	The empty or open space around and between objects in an artwork.
Positive Space	The space occupied by the main subjects or objects in an artwork.
Contour Drawing	Drawing technique that outlines the edges and surface ridges of a subject.
Gradient Wash	A watercolour technique where colour gradually changes from dark to light.
Variegated Wash	A watercolour technique blending multiple colours to create a varied effect.
Collage	An art technique involving assembling different materials (paper, fabric, photos) onto a surface.
Tonal Ladder	A scale showing a range of tones from light to dark, used to practice shading.