

Claus Stangl has painted director and actor Taika Waititi in a playful pose. Taika could be holding his hands to frame you, the viewer, for a movie scene – or perhaps he has been caught by surprise. What do you think?

Claus has left the background blank. Where do you think Taika could be?

PLAYFUL POSE

Use your imagination and draw your idea for a scene around Taika.



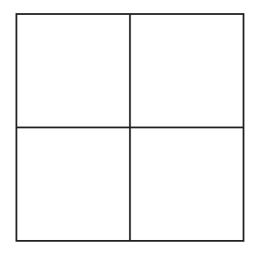
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Katherine Hattam has used bold colours, strong outlines, words and collaged paper to paint an expressive portrait of writer Helen Garner.

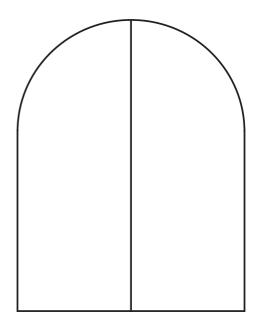
Helen lives next door to family members who keep chickens. How many chickens can you spot through the curved window?





WRITE IT DOWN

What is your favourite animal? Create a pattern of your favourite animals inside these window shapes.



At home, combine words, collaged paper and art materials to make a portrait of someone you admire.

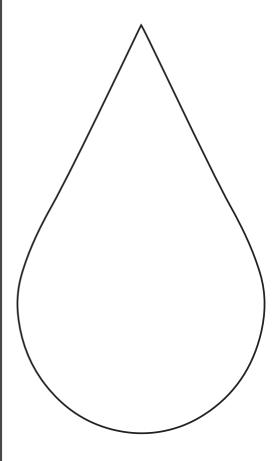
Blak Douglas has painted artist Karla Dickens standing in the muddy floodwaters on Bundjalung Country in Lismore, NSW, caused by days and days of rain.

Describe her expression. How do you think she feels?

Think about the feeling of experiencing days of rain. Fill the rain droplet with words or images to describe your feelings.



FORCE OF NATURE



At home, create an artwork that expresses the power and force of nature.

Joan Ross cares deeply about the environment. Her art makes us think about our impact on nature, especially when people clear away trees and change the natural landscape.

Design a poster to help make others aware of the need to protect trees and nature.



At home, find out more about where you live and what it looked like 200 years ago. What has changed?

NATURE LOVER

Emily Crockford has used bold colours, shapes and patterns to paint a striking portrait of best friends Gabrielle Mordy and Emma Johnston.

What shapes can you see on their clothes? Which colours stand out the most?



Draw yourself and your best friend using decorative patterns and bold shapes.

At home, paint an artwork of two people who are special to you.

BEST FRIENDS

Yoshio Honjo has painted television and radio presenter Yumi Stynes as a female samurai and protector.

Imagine yourself as a strong warrior protecting your family. What would you wear? What facial expression would you have?

Draw yourself here.



At home, find out more about female samurai and what role they played in Japanese history.

WARRIOR WOMAN

STILL Moving

Ross Townsend has painted scientist Cherrone Ellis dressed in her taekwondo outfit, performing a jumping side kick.

Despite the action of her jump, Cherrone appears still and suspended, as if floating in air. What part of the painting gives away that she is moving? What physical activity do you love? Draw yourself as if you have been frozen mid-action.



At home, create an artwork to show different poses and actions when doing sport, dance or other movements.