

Vocabulary for the portrait project

4B pencil	a graphite drawing tool that is darker and great for shading
background	the part of an artwork that is far away
blending	in drawing: mixing from light to dark greys; in painting: mixing from one colour to another
brainstorming	coming up with a large number of ideas
composition	the arrangement of things in an artwork
contour drawing	drawing the edges and outlines
contrast	the difference between the lights and darks
creativity	ideas that are useful, unique, and insightful
detail	small, important parts of a drawing
foreground	the part of an artwork that is biggest and closest
HB pencil	a graphite drawing tool that makes light lines
layering	adding several small amounts of pencil or paint on top of each other
modelling	making things 3D using blending
reference photos	photographs you look at carefully so you can make a better artwork
shading	drawing with white, black, and greys
smoothness	drawing cleanly, with no bumps
texture	drawing that looks the same as what it feels like
web-mapping	linking together ideas like a spider web