





How to recognise vanishing points





A **vanishing point** is a special spot in a picture where things seem to disappear in the distance.

 Imagine you're standing on a long, straight road. As you look far ahead, the road looks like it gets narrower and narrower until it meets the sky. That spot where the road seems to disappear is the **vanishing point**!

Artists use vanishing points to make drawings look **real and 3D**, like you're looking into a real space. It helps show **depth** — how close or far away things are.   

✅ Fun tip: Most of the time, the vanishing point sits on something called the **horizon line** — that's where the sky meets the land or sea.


Materials You'll Need:

- Pencil 
 - Ruler 
 - Eraser
 - A4 paper 
 - Colouring pencils or pens 
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💡 What Is a Vanishing Point?

A vanishing point is where things look like they disappear in the distance. Artists use it to show how things get smaller as they get farther away. It helps pictures look real and 3D!

 Example: A road that looks like it shrinks into the distance.

 Try This: Close one eye and look down a straight path. Can you see where the lines seem to meet?

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Spot the Vanishing Point!

Sometimes it's easy to map a vanishing point



But can you map the vanishing points in these pictures?



Drawing Challenge – Build a Road

Step-by-step:

1. Draw a **horizontal line** across your page (this is the **horizon**).
2. Make a dot in the middle of that line — this is your **vanishing point**.
3. From the bottom corners of your page, draw two straight lines going to the vanishing point (use your ruler!).
4. That's your **road**.
5. Add **lampposts**, **trees**, or **houses** along the road — make them smaller as they get closer to the vanishing point.

 **Colour it in** when you're finished!

Perspective Practice – Train Tracks

Follow the same steps as the road, but draw **train tracks** instead!

Add:

- A train coming towards you
 - Trees and mountains in the background
 - Birds in the sky
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Creative Task – Vanishing Point City

Design your own city street using one vanishing point.

Ideas to include:

- Skyscrapers that get smaller as they go back
- A road with cars
- People walking
- Banners, signs, shop windows

 Leave space for a fun title banner: **“My 3D City”**