

3D Words

Build a 3-dimensional word out of white paper strips. Tape the paper word to a white sheet of background paper. Please make sure to keep your word short, positive and appropriate.

Notice how even though the word is made of white paper and is taped on a white background, the composition does not appear to be all completely “white”.

You should see differing degrees of gray where the raised paper blocks the light from landing on the background. These are called **shadows**. Some will be darker than others and the varying degrees of darkness are called **values**.

Only a few places on your composition should appear truly white, where the light hits the paper unobstructed. These are called **highlights**.

Using your observational skills, first draw the outline of the paper word. Then using varying pressures on your pencil and smoothing the values with a blender, recreate the shadows you see on your composition. You can use your eraser to further clean up or cut in your highlights.

Compare your 3D word next to your drawing. How closely did you come to representing the full 3-dimensionality of the paper word?

