



LQ: How can I use different grades of pencil (and different techniques) when drawing?

Today are are going to be learning about different grades of pencils and techniques when drawing.

Can you think of any differences between types of pencils?

Can you think of different ways to use a pencil when drawing?





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Some differences you may have thought of are:
colour, size, thickness, sharpness

Another difference that we are learning about today is the **grade of a pencil.**

Pencil grades tell you how light/hard and dark/soft a pencil is.

You might have noticed that pencils have a H or B grade. The H stands for hard and the B stands for blackness.

- H pencils are harder and produce lighter lines.
- B pencils make a darker mark because they're softer .



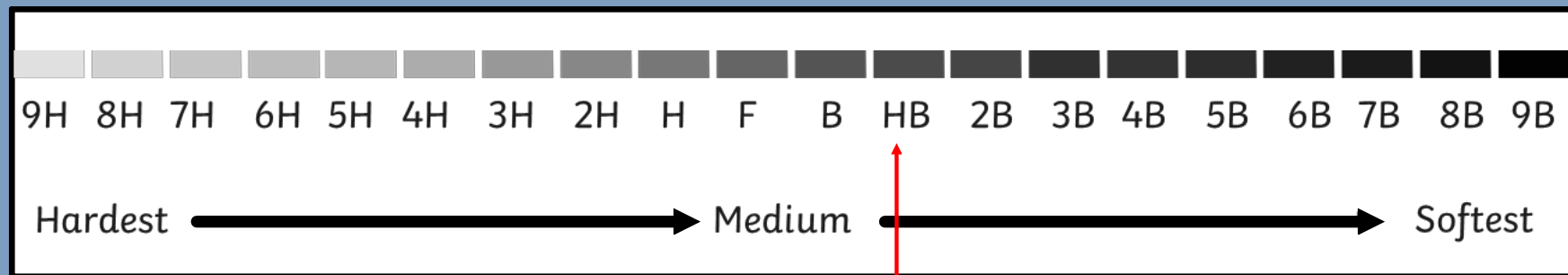


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The core of a pencil is a mix of graphite and clay filler.

H pencils contain more clay filler and are highly compacted which means they create a lighter mark and are harder. The higher the number before the H, the harder and lighter it will be.

B pencils have less clay filler and the core isn't as compacted which makes them darker and softer. The higher the number before the B, the softer and darker it will be.



This is the pencil we use in school!





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Watch this video to learn a little bit more about grades of pencils.



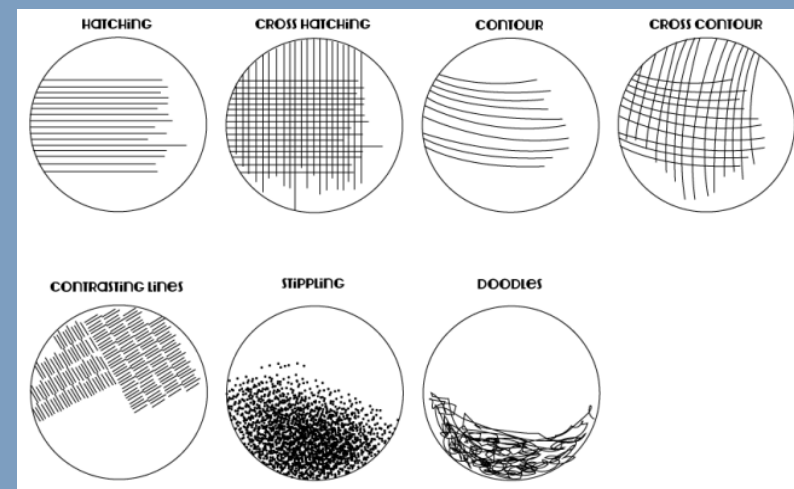
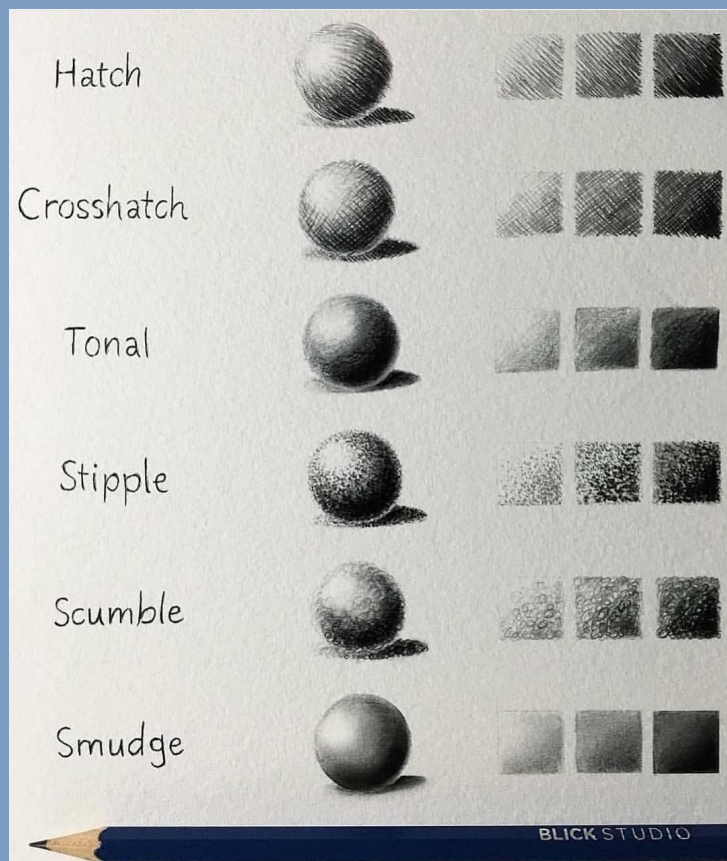
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When drawing, there are lots of different shading techniques that you can do:



What do you notice about the different techniques?



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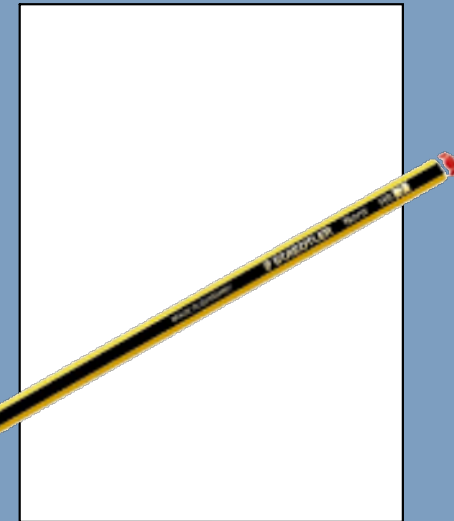
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This week in your writing sessions you have been learning about tudor houses. Today you are going to draw a picture of a tudor house, using some of the art techniques and shading that we have learnt about. If you have different grades of pencils, you can also use these.



Use these pictures to help you!