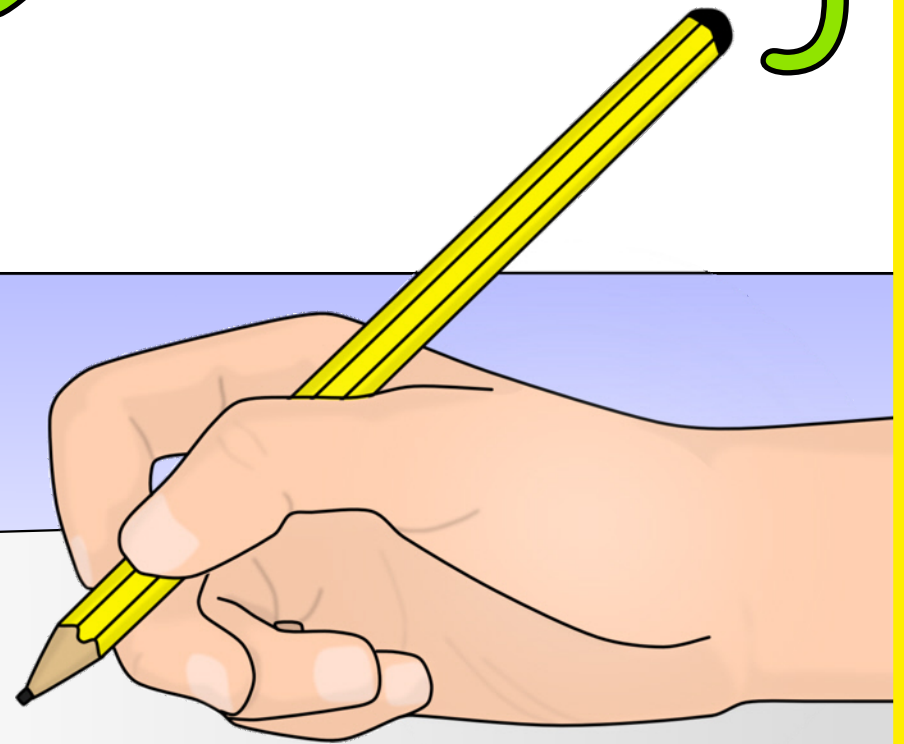
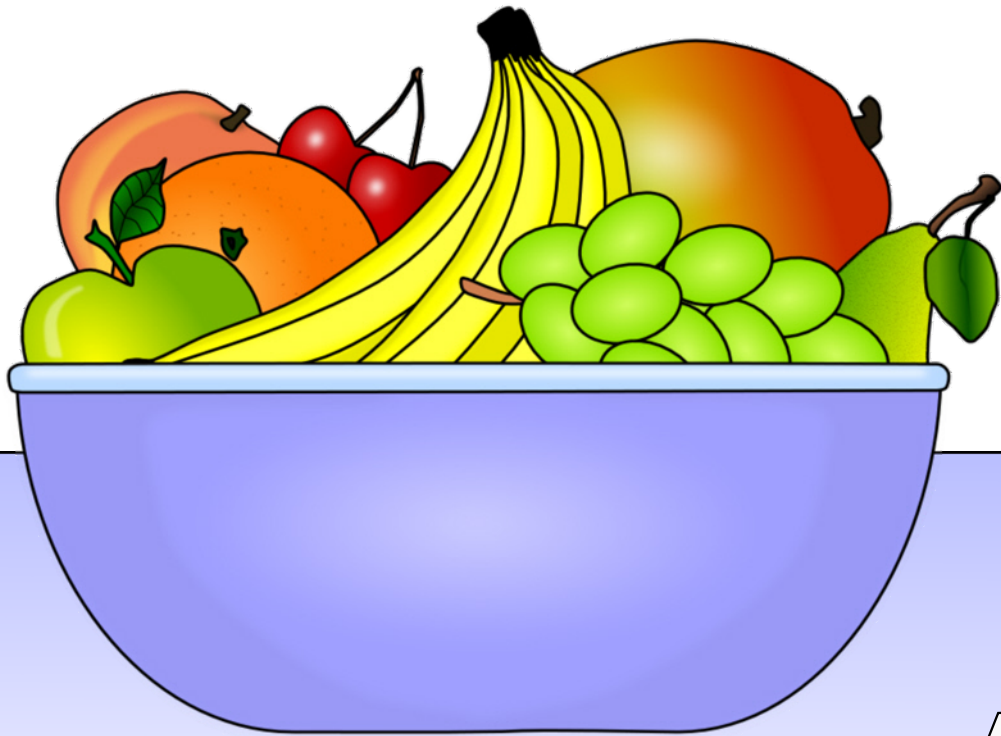


# Observational Drawing



# Look Closely

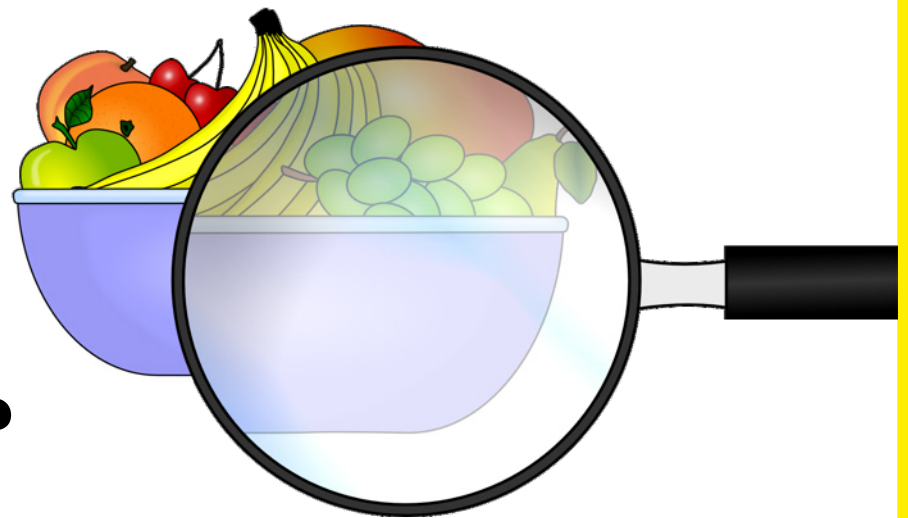
Take a close look at what you are drawing to see the detail.

**Is it shiny or dull?**

**Is it dark or light in colour?**

**What markings can you see?**

Think about which details you need to include in your drawing.



**detail**

# *Touch and Feel*

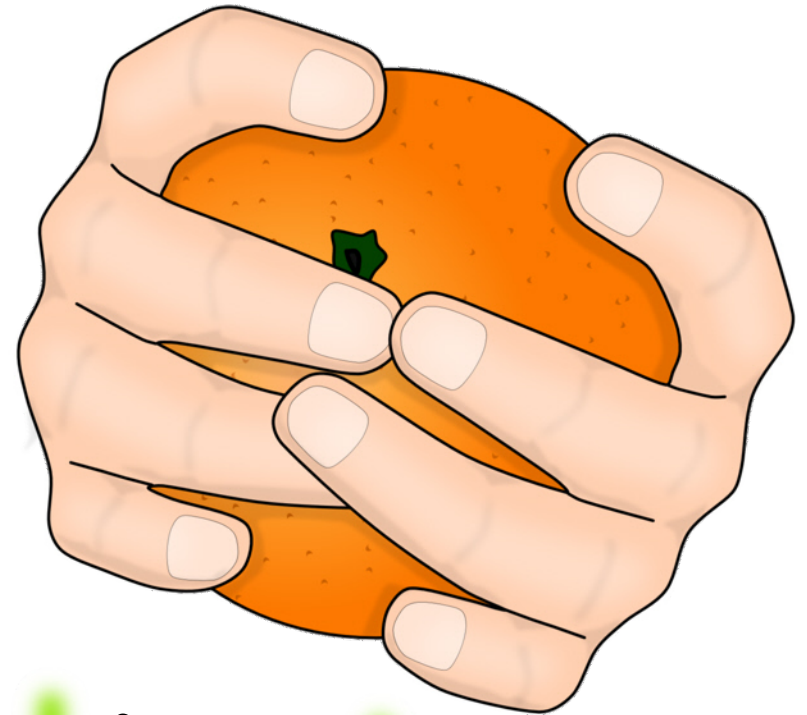
If you can, carefully feel the object(s) you want to draw.

**What are the textures like?**

**Rough or smooth?**

**Hard or soft?**

Think about how you might draw the textures.



**texture**

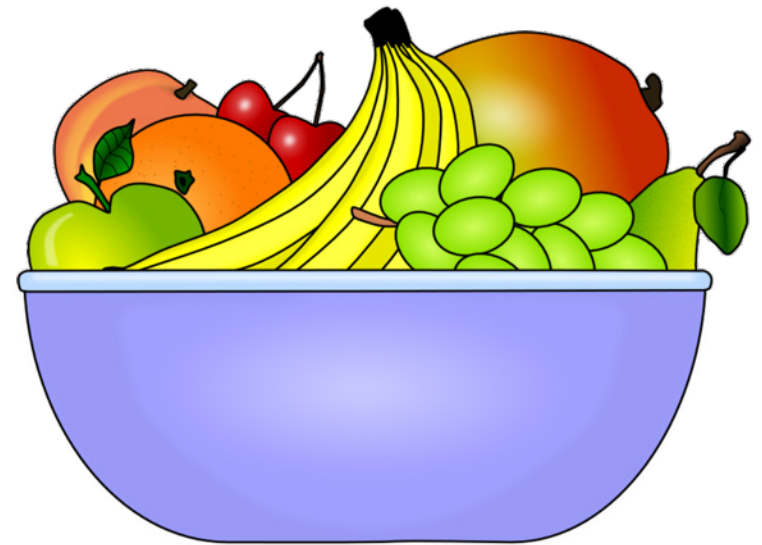
# *Look at the 'Big Picture'*

Take a step back and look at the whole object or group of objects.

**What is the overall shape?**

**Which details are important?**

**Which parts are most interesting?**



*get perspective*

# Think about Scale

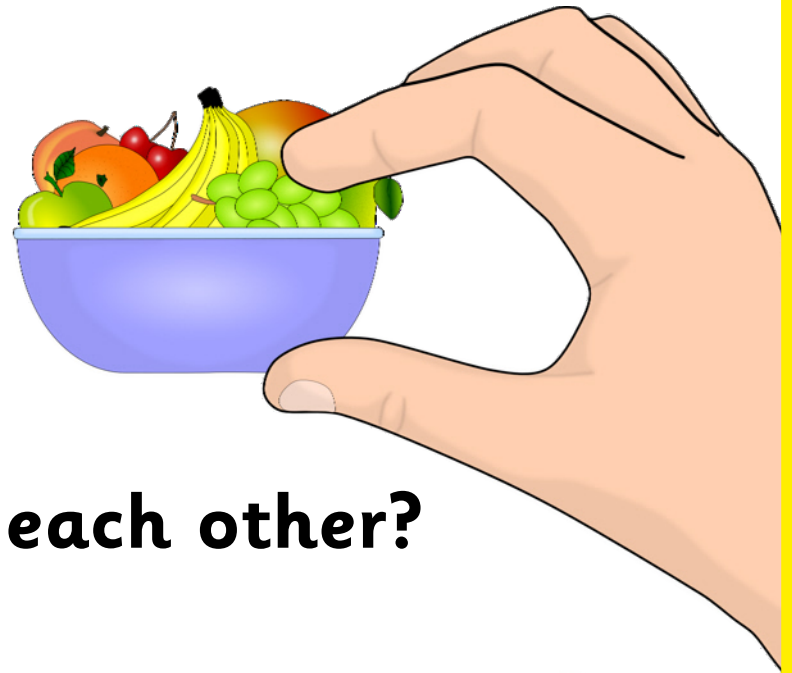
Look carefully at the size of the items you are drawing.

**Which things are small?**

**Which things are large?**

**How do the sizes compare with each other?**

Try and draw the size of objects in **proportion** with each other.

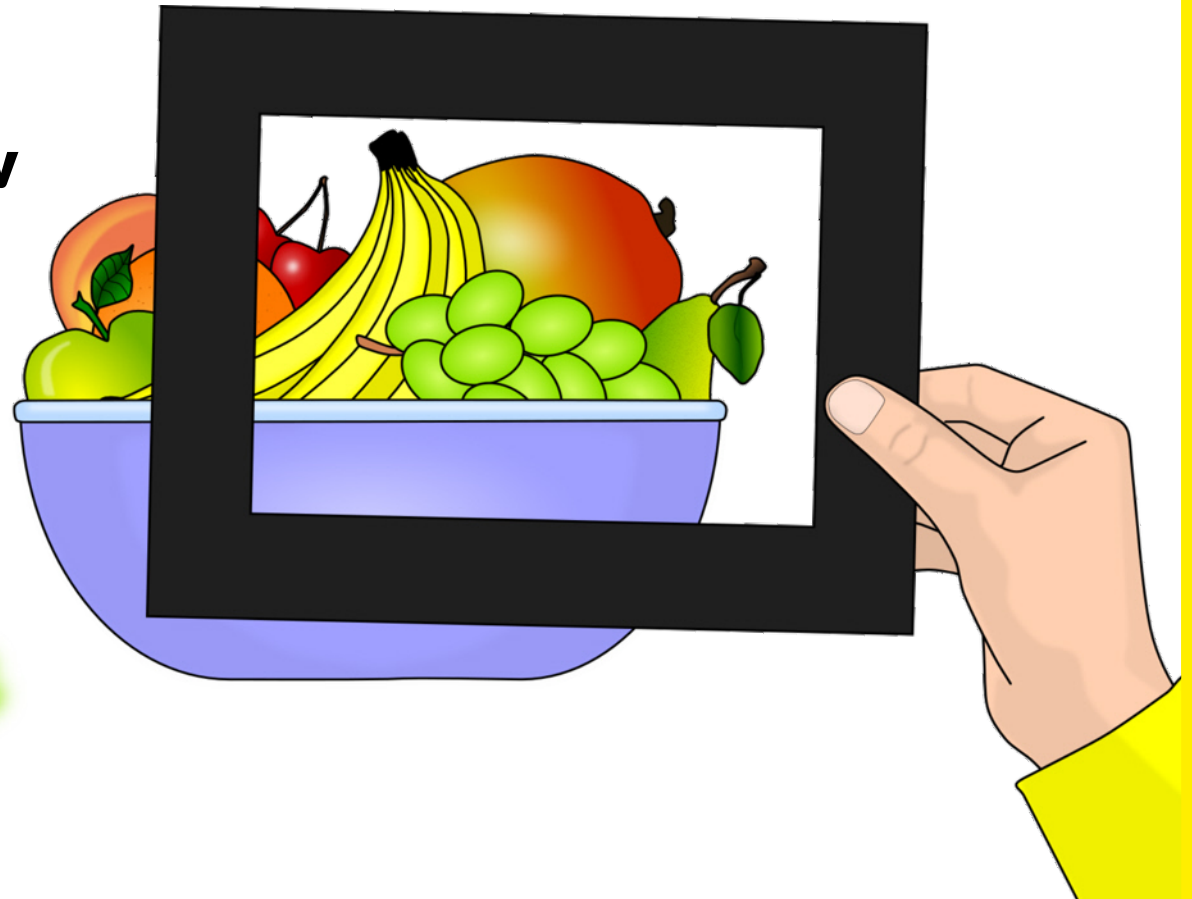


scale

# Use a Frame

Sometimes it is helpful to use a frame to decide what to include in your drawing.

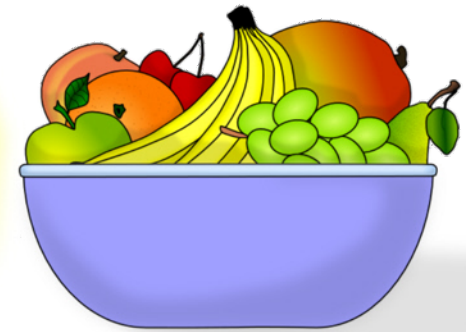
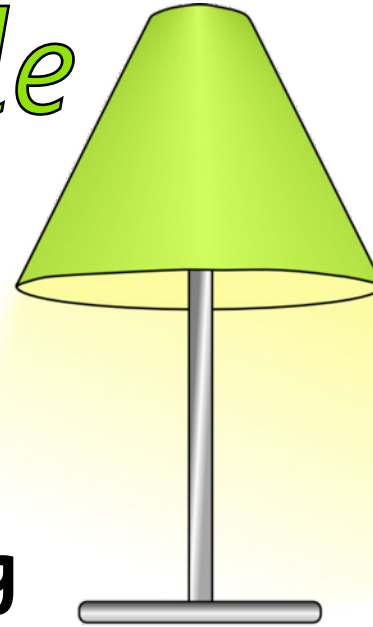
**Do you want to draw the whole object or just one part?**



frame

# Light and Shade

Look at the shadows on the object(s).



**Where is the light coming from?**

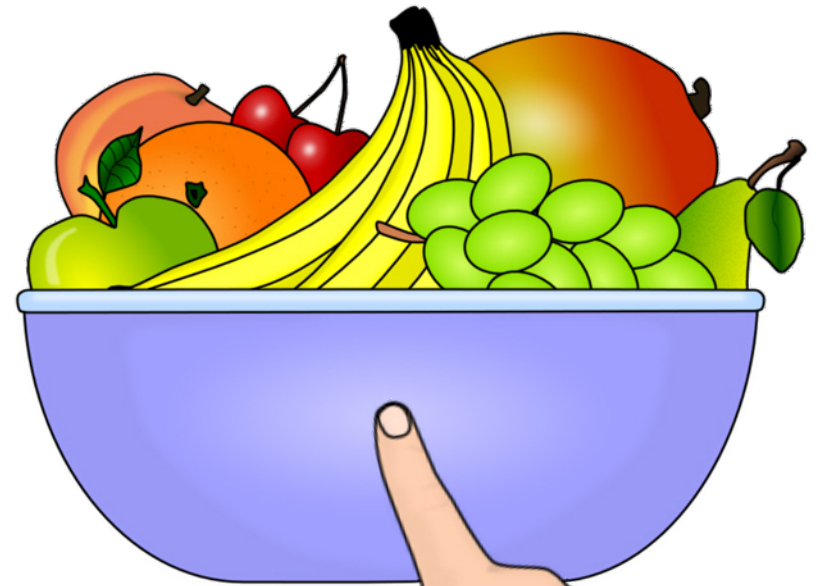
**What shadows can you see?**

**Which are the light areas and which areas are dark?**

light and  
shade

# Keep Checking what You Draw

Make sure you keep looking back at the object(s) you are drawing.



**Are the proportions correct?**

**Have you forgotten anything?**

**Keep checking!**