

C Grade-Lines

1. Initial Impression

A simple, effective silhouette that uses the strong shapes of the power pole and wires to create a clean graphic design. The warm sky behind the structure gives the image a calm, end-of-day feeling. It reads clearly as a silhouette and shows good awareness of the set subject.

2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- The silhouette is clean and solid
- Exposure is well handled; the sky holds gentle colour
- A little softness around the pole edges, but nothing distracting
- No major technical issues

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The diagonal wires create movement and interest
- The pole is well placed and easy to recognise
- The frame feels slightly tight at the top
- A touch more space would help the design breathe

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 2.5 / 5

- Quiet, peaceful mood
- The single pole against the sky creates a sense of stillness
- Impact is gentle rather than strong

5. Creativity & Originality score: 2.5 / 5

- A simple but thoughtful approach to the silhouette brief
- The diagonal lines add personality
- Creativity is emerging well at C-Grade



🎯 Total Score: 11 / 20

🏆 Award: Accepted

! Why Not a Higher Award

The composition feels a little tight, and the impact remains gentle, keeping it below Merit level.

C Grade — Early Autumn

1. Initial Impression

A delicate and thoughtful silhouette of leaves and small berries against a bright sky. The shapes are clean and recognisable, and the simplicity of the branch creates a calm, natural feel. It's a gentle interpretation of the silhouette brief and shows good observational awareness.



2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- The silhouette is clean with solid blacks
- Exposure is well handled; the background is bright without blowing out
- Some leaf edges are slightly soft, but still readable
- No distracting artefacts

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The branch creates a pleasing diagonal line
- The leaves and berries add nice variation in shape
- The frame feels a little tight on the right side
- A touch more space would help the design breathe

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 2.5 / 5

- A quiet, peaceful mood
- The berries hint at seasonal change
- Impact is gentle rather than strong

5. Creativity & Originality score: 2.5 / 5

- A simple, thoughtful approach to the silhouette theme
- Good choice of subject for a novice photographer
- Creativity is emerging well

🎯 Total Score: 11 / 20

🏆 Award: Accepted

! Why Not a Higher Award

The framing is a little tight, and the impact remains gentle, keeping it below Merit level.

🚧 C Grade — Keep Out

1. Initial Impression

A strong, graphic silhouette with a clear message. The fence and barbed wire create bold shapes against the bright sky, and the image reads instantly as a silhouette. It's simple, direct, and shows good awareness of how shape and contrast can tell a story.

2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- Clean, solid blacks in the fence and wire
- Exposure is well handled; the sky is bright without losing detail
- Some softness in the wire edges, but still readable
- No major technical issues

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The diagonal line of the razor wire adds movement
- The fence pattern creates interesting repetition
- The frame is slightly tight at the top
- A little more space would help the design breathe

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 2.5 / 5

- Clear, immediate message of restriction or boundary
- Strong graphic feel
- Impact is good, though the mood is more literal than emotional

5. Creativity & Originality score: 2.5 / 5

- A bold subject choice for a novice silhouette
- Good use of man-made shapes
- Creativity is emerging well



🎯 Total Score: 11 / 20

🏆 Award: Accepted

! Why Not a Higher Award

The framing is tight at the top, and the impact remains more literal than expressive, keeping it below Merit level.

📷 C Grade — Night Shots

1. Initial Impression

A clear and engaging silhouette of a camera on a tripod set against a colourful evening sky. The idea is strong — photographing a photographer — and the warm tones behind the silhouette create a peaceful, end-of-day feeling. It reads instantly as a silhouette and shows good creative thinking.

2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- The silhouette is clean and well defined
- Exposure is nicely handled; the sky holds colour and gradient
- A little softness around the tripod legs, but nothing distracting
- No major technical issues

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The camera is well placed and easy to recognise
- The tripod shape adds interest and balance
- The frame is slightly tight at the top
- A touch more space would help the design breathe

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 2.5 / 5

- Strong sense of mood — calm, reflective, and creative
- The silhouette tells a clear story about capturing the moment
- Impact is gentle rather than dramatic

5. Creativity & Originality score: 2.5 / 5

- A thoughtful and personal subject choice
- Nice use of equipment as silhouette shape



- Creativity is developing well at C-Grade

🎯 Total Score: 11 / 20

🏆 Award: Accepted

! Why Not a Higher Award

The framing is a little tight, and the impact remains gentle, keeping it below Merit level.

🦢 C Grade — *Shag Silhouette*

1. Initial Impression

A calm and peaceful silhouette of a shag standing quietly on the water's edge. The reflection adds a lovely touch, giving the image balance and a sense of stillness. It reads clearly as a silhouette and shows good awareness of timing and subject choice.

2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- The bird is rendered as a clean, solid silhouette
- Exposure is well handled; the water holds gentle tone
- Some softness in the reflection, but still effective
- No distracting artefacts

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The bird is well placed and easy to recognise
- The reflection adds interest and symmetry
- The frame feels slightly tight at the bottom
- A little more space would help the reflection breathe

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 2.5 / 5

- Quiet, contemplative mood
- The still water enhances the peaceful feeling
- Impact is gentle rather than strong

5. Creativity & Originality score: 2.5 / 5

- A thoughtful choice of subject for a silhouette



- Reflection adds a creative element
- Creativity is developing well at C-Grade

🎯 Total Score: 11 / 20

🏆 Award: Accepted

! Why Not a Higher Award

The framing is a little tight, and the impact remains gentle, keeping it below Merit level.

🌅 C Grade — *Sunset Body*

1. Initial Impression

A warm, expressive silhouette capturing a person standing in shallow water at sunset. The raised arms create a clear, readable shape, and the glowing sky behind them adds a lovely sense of mood. It's a strong idea for a silhouette and shows good timing and awareness of light.

2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- The figure is cleanly silhouetted with solid blacks
- Exposure is handled well; the sky holds colour and detail
- Some softness around the waterline, but nothing distracting
- No major technical issues

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The central placement works well for this pose
- Reflections in the water add interest
- The frame is slightly tight at the top
- A little more space would help the gesture breathe

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3 / 5

- Strong sense of freedom and connection with nature
- The gesture is expressive and uplifting
- Impact is good, though still gentle at C-Grade



5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A thoughtful and expressive subject choice
- Good use of gesture to create shape
- Creativity is developing well

🎯 Total Score: 12 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

The framing is a little tight, and some softness around the waterline reduces overall refinement, keeping it below Commended level.

■ C Grade — Scoops

1. Initial Impression

A simple, charming study of two blue sand scoops resting on textured sand. The image has a playful, summery feel, and the bright colour of the scoops stands out nicely against the neutral tones of the sand. It's a clean, honest beginner-level composition with good potential.

2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- Exposure is well handled with no blown highlights
- Colours are natural and appealing
- Focus is acceptable, though not crisp across the whole frame
- Some small debris in the sand slightly distracts

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The two scoops create a clear subject
- Their angle adds a little movement and interest
- The placement is slightly central, reducing visual energy
- A small shift in viewpoint could strengthen the layout

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3 / 5

- The image evokes childhood play and beach memories
- Impact is gentle rather than strong



- Story is simple but relatable

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A familiar subject, but nicely seen
- Creativity lies in the colour contrast and simplicity
- Could be pushed further with angle, lighting, or arrangement

🎯 Total Score: 12 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

A clean, simple study with nice colour contrast and a gentle, relatable feel.

👣 C Grade — Footprints

1. Initial Impression

A calm and reflective beach scene with a lovely diagonal trail of footprints leading the viewer through the frame. The monochrome treatment adds mood and simplicity, helping the shapes and textures stand out. It's a gentle, thoughtful image with a clear idea behind it.

2. Technical Quality Technical score: 3 / 5

- Exposure is well controlled with detail in both wet and dry sand
- The waterline is soft and pleasing
- Footprints are clear and well defined
- Slight softness in the top of the frame, but acceptable for C Grade

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The diagonal line of footprints is the strongest element
- Good balance between sand and water
- Horizon kept out of frame, which suits the minimalist style
- Slightly empty top-left area reduces visual energy

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3 / 5

- The footprints create a sense of journey and solitude



- Impact is gentle and contemplative
- Story is simple but relatable

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A familiar subject, but nicely handled
- Creativity lies in the angle and monochrome choice
- Could be pushed further with timing or viewpoint

🎯 Total Score: 12 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

A thoughtful, monochrome beach image with a strong diagonal footprint line and reflective mood.

📡 C Grade — Comms Blank

1. Initial Impression

A bold silhouette study of a communications dish set against bright sunlight. The strong backlighting creates an interesting graphic effect, with the grid pattern of the dish becoming the main visual feature. It's a simple but striking idea for C Grade.

2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- Exposure is challenging but handled reasonably well
- The sun flare creates atmosphere, though it does obscure some detail
- The silhouette is mostly clean, with good shape definition
- Slight loss of clarity in the supporting pole and cables

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The dish has a strong, recognisable shape
- The sun placement adds drama
- The frame feels a little tight on the left side
- Good use of upward angle to emphasise scale



4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3 / 5

- The silhouette and sunburst give the image punch
- Story is simple — a structural study rather than a narrative
- Impact is moderate but clear

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- Creative use of backlighting
- The grid pattern is visually interesting
- Could be pushed further with timing or viewpoint

🎯 Total Score: 12 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

The tight framing and sun flare reduce detail and compositional refinement.

🌈 C Grade — Stormy Rainbow

1. Initial Impression

A bright, uplifting rainbow cutting across a dark, moody sky — a classic contrast that immediately draws the eye. The landscape below provides a calm base, and the overall scene feels fresh and hopeful. It's a well-seen moment with strong visual appeal for C Grade.



2. Technical Quality score: 3 / 5

- Rainbow colours are clear and well separated
- Exposure is handled nicely between dark clouds and bright bands
- Slight softness in the foreground trees
- Good overall clarity for Novice level

3. Composition & Design score: 3 / 5

- The diagonal rainbow is the strongest compositional element
- Good balance between sky and land
- Foreground feels a little flat and could use more interest
- Horizon sits comfortably and doesn't distract

4. Impact & Storytelling score: 3 / 5

- Strong colour impact against the stormy sky
- Story is simple — a moment of beauty after rain
- Emotional tone is positive and accessible

5. Creativity & Originality score: 3 / 5

- A familiar subject, but nicely captured
- Creativity lies in timing and contrast
- Could be pushed further with viewpoint or foreground interest

🎯 Total Score: 12 / 20

🏆 Award: Merit

! Why Not a Higher Award

The foreground lacks interest, reducing overall depth and compositional strength.

Is It Art

Impression

A bold, colourful urban scene with strong graphic energy. The graffiti textures and cracked concrete create an immediate sense of place. It's visually striking and has good initial impact for C Grade.

★ Composition & Design score 3/5



The diagonal angle adds dynamism, and the sky provides breathing space above the wall. The graffiti shapes are lively, though the frame feels slightly busy, with no single dominant focal point. A small shift in viewpoint could have strengthened the visual hierarchy.

★ Technical Considerations score 3/5

Exposure is well handled, with good detail in both the wall and the sky. Colour saturation is strong without becoming overwhelming. The image is sharp and clean, though the bright sky pulls the eye upward a little more than intended.

★ Storytelling & Intent score 3/5 Creativity score 3/5

The title *Is It Art* invites the viewer to consider the boundary between vandalism and expression. The image supports that question well — the textures, colours, and decay all contribute to the theme.

🎯 Overall Assessment & Score

A lively, colourful urban study with strong textures and good technical control. To progress further, the maker could refine composition to create a clearer focal point.

Score: 12 / 20 — Merit