

Varjak Paw Dioramas

You might have heard of a diorama as a shoe box model. It is a 3d model of a setting. Sometimes you will see them in libraries or museums, with a glass front to protect them.

Some examples of primary school dioramas can be seen at this school website:

<https://www.seascaleschool.co.uk/dioramas-for-world-book-day/>

I suggest that you use a cardboard box with the front cut off to make a miniature scene with no front. The bottom part of a shoe box is ideal; just flip it onto its edge so that the top becomes the open front.

Start by making pictures on paper that can be stuck to the back, sides and top.

You can stick things to the base, hang things from the top and sides. Be as creative as you can.

Think carefully about the colours that you use. You can colour in using paints, pencils or pens. Think about texture as well; how can you mimic the surfaces that you might find in a city? Can you build in some contrasts between different colours, shapes or textures that could be described in the way that SF Said does in the passage we read this morning?

All the while, try to think about this as a world in miniature where Varjak could have an adventure. Perhaps he will make another mistake and think that something else is a dog? Perhaps he will actually meet a real dog?