The Surreal Zoo

1. Lesson Introduction

In today's lesson, we are going to create an image for a greeting card using AI.
First, each of you will choose an **animal,** research it and fill out an ID card.
Next, we will learn about a special art style and see how artists use their imagination to create dream-like scenes.
You will choose one **artist** for inspiration, and together we will learn how to write an AI prompt that combines your animal and the artist's style.
The goal is to use the 'Nano Banana' tool to turn your words into a creative and surprising image for your greeting card.

2. Lesson Objectives

Students will research a chosen animal and its physical traits.

Students will learn the concept of Surrealism (breaking the rules of reality).

Students will practice Prompt Engineering to create a unique artistic image.

3. Lesson Timeline

Time	Activity	Description
10 min	**Intro & Surrealism**	Explaining Surrealism (Dream vs.Reality) and introducing the artists.
15 min	**Research an Animal**	Students fill out the **"Animal ID Card"**.
15 min	**Choosing a Style**	Students fill out the **"Surrealism Scene"** questionnaire.
20 min	**Prompt Workshop**	Learning the "Prompt Formula", using keywords, and refining ideas.
30 min	**Creation Time**	Generating the design using Nano Banana.

4. Worksheet (We will print the worksheet)

Step 1: The Animal (In Nature)

- Animal Name: _____
- Unique Features: (e.g., long neck, trunk, colorful feathers) _____
- Natural Habitat: (Where does it live in nature?) _____
- Natural Colors**:** _____
- Textures: (Fur, scales, spots, or stripes?) _____

Step 2: Creating a Surrealistic Scene

- Setting: (Where is the animal? Think of somewhere imaginary! For example: in a purple desert, inside a bubble, in a forest made of candy)
  _____

- Colors (Choose any colors you want for your dream-like image!):
  _____

- The Artist I chose: (Circle one)
  - Salvador Dalí (Melting & Dreamy)
  - René Magritte (Floating & Mystery)
  - Giuseppe Arcimboldo (Made of Flowers/Fruit)
  - Joan Miró (Abstract Shapes & Dots)

AI prompts are structured differently than proper English sentences!
Use this table to build a prompt:

1. Subject (A/An + Animal)	**2. *Background* (Setting - Where is it?)**	**3. Artist Style**	**4. Extra Keywords**
I want:	**In:**	**Style of:**	**Keywords:**
Example: A green Tiger	*in a pink sky background*	*style of Magritte*	*floating, clouds*

Artist	Use these words:
Salvador Dalí	in the style of Salvador Dali, melting, dreamlike
René Magritte	in the style of Rene Magritte, floating, mystery, clouds
Arcimboldo	in the style of Arcimboldo, made of flowers and fruits
Joan Miró	in the style of Joan Miro, abstract shapes, colorful

Summary of the Task

Research your animal, imagine a surprising setting and an impossible action. Connect it to a surrealist artist and create a dream-like image using Nano Banana.