

# Bottle Still Life

*This artwork may challenge some of your assumptions about depth.*

## Try This

- Stand back about fifteen feet, close one eye, and try to decide which objects in this still life are in front and which are in back.
- Now look at the still life up close. Were you right?

## What's Going On?

From a distance, the fruit, the bottle, and the glass probably appeared closer to you than the black background. That's because your eye and brain assume that objects are in front of backgrounds. The bright colors of the apple, the orange, and the banana strengthen the illusion that these objects are in the foreground.

You may have also used overlapping figures to judge which object is in front. Since the glass appears to overlap the bottle, for instance, you assume the glass is closer to you.