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B1-C1

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**Active Vocabulary**

painting

sculpture

drawing

photography

exhibit

canvas

to paint a picture

to take a photograph

to display artwork

to create sculpture

modern art

art history

creative expression

work of art

piece of art

B1-B2

**Text 1**

**Sophie Starts Painting**

Sophie had always been fascinated by art. She loved the way that artists could capture a moment or an emotion and express it in a way that words never could. Her favorite artist was Vincent Van Gogh, with his bold brushstrokes and vibrant colors.

Sophie had always wanted to try her hand at painting, but she had never felt confident enough to give it a go. That all changed when she stumbled upon a small art supply store on her way home from work one day. She walked inside and was immediately struck by the array of paints, brushes, and canvases on display.

Without really thinking, Sophie found herself buying a set of acrylic paints, a few brushes, and a blank canvas. She took them home and set them up on her kitchen table. Then, with a deep breath, she began to paint.

At first, Sophie was hesitant, unsure of what she was doing. But as she continued to paint, she found that she was losing herself in the process. The colors blended together on the canvas, creating something new and beautiful.

As she worked, Sophie forgot about everything else - the stress of work, the worries of everyday life. All that mattered was the canvas in front of her and the paintbrush in her hand.

Hours later, Sophie stepped back to admire her work. It wasn't perfect, but it was hers. And for the first time in a long time, she felt proud of herself.
Sophie continued to paint every day after work, experimenting with different techniques and styles. She even signed up for a local art class, where she met other people who shared her passion.

Now, Sophie's paintings hang proudly on the walls of her apartment. Each one is a reminder of the joy that art has brought into her life and the confidence she gained from trying something new.

**Task1**

**Fill in the blanks with the words from the original text**

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Sophie had always wanted to try her hand at \_\_\_\_\_(7), but she had never felt \_\_\_\_\_(8) enough to give it a go. That all changed when she stumbled upon a small art \_\_\_\_\_(9) on her way home from work one day. She walked inside and was immediately struck by the array of \_\_\_\_\_(10), brushes, and \_\_\_\_\_(11) on \_\_\_\_\_(12).

Without really thinking, Sophie found herself buying a set of acrylic paints, a few brushes, and a blank canvas. She took them home and set them up on her kitchen table. Then, with a deep breath, she began to \_\_\_\_\_(13).

At first, Sophie was hesitant, unsure of what she was doing. But as she continued to paint, she found that she was losing herself in the \_\_\_\_\_(14). The colors \_\_\_\_\_(15) together on the canvas, creating something new and beautiful.

As she worked, Sophie forgot about everything else - the stress of work, the worries of everyday life. All that \_\_\_\_\_(16) was the canvas in front of her and the paintbrush in her hand.

Hours later, Sophie stepped back to admire her work. It wasn't \_\_\_\_\_(17), but it was hers. And for the first time in a long time, she felt proud of herself.

Sophie continued to paint every day after work, \_\_\_\_\_(18) with different \_\_\_\_\_(19) and styles. She even signed up for a local art class, where she met other people who shared her \_\_\_\_\_(20).

Now, Sophie's paintings hang proudly on the walls of her apartment. Each one is a reminder of the joy that art has brought into her life and the confidence she \_\_\_\_\_(21) from trying something new.

Correct answers:

1. fascinated

2. art

3. artists

4. capture

5. emotion

6. vibrant

7. painting

8. confident

9. supply store

10. paints

11. canvases

12. display

13. paint

14. process

15. blended

16. mattered

17. perfect

18. experimenting

19. techniques

20. passion

21. gained

**Task2**

**Choose the correct answer**

Questions:

1. What is Sophie fascinated by?

a) Music

b) Art

c) Science

d) Literature

2. Who is Sophie's favorite artist?

a) Leonardo da Vinci

b) Vincent Van Gogh

c) Pablo Picasso

d) Michelangelo

3. What did Sophie find in the art supply store?

a) Books

b) Paints, brushes, and canvases

c) Clothes

d) Food

4. Where did Sophie set up her painting supplies?

a) In her bedroom

b) In her living room

c) On her kitchen table

d) In her bathroom

5. How did Sophie feel when she started painting?

a) Confident

b) Nervous

c) Excited

d) Bored

6. What did Sophie forget about while painting?

a) The stress of work and worries of everyday life

b) Her friends and family

c) Her hobbies and interests

d) Her responsibilities

7. How did Sophie feel after admiring her finished painting?

a) Disappointed

b) Proud

c) Anxious

d) Indifferent

8. What did Sophie do after her first painting?

a) She stopped painting altogether

b) She continued to paint every day after work

c) She gave away her painting supplies

d) She sold her painting for a profit

9. What did Sophie gain from trying something new?

a) Confidence

b) Fear

c) Anger

d) Sadness

10. What is the main message of the text?

a) Art is a waste of time

b) Trying new things can bring joy and confidence

c) Only talented people can be successful artists

d) Painting is a boring and difficult activity

Correct answers:

1. b

2. b

3. b

4. c

5. b

6. a

7. b

8. b

9. a

10. b

**Task3**

**Answer the questions:**

1. What is Sophie's favorite artist, and what does she love about art?

2. How did Sophie feel about painting before she stumbled upon the art supply store?

3. What did Sophie buy at the art supply store, and where did she set them up?

4. How did Sophie feel as she began to paint for the first time?

5. What did Sophie forget about as she worked on her painting?

6. Was Sophie's first painting perfect?

7. Did Sophie continue to paint after her first attempt, and how did she improve her skills?

8. What did Sophie gain from trying something new?

Correct answers:

1. Sophie's favorite artist is Vincent Van Gogh, and she loves the way that artists can capture a moment or an emotion in a way that words cannot.

2. Before stumbling upon the art supply store, Sophie had always wanted to try painting but lacked confidence.

3. Sophie bought a set of acrylic paints, brushes, and a blank canvas at the art supply store and set them up on her kitchen table.

4. Sophie was hesitant and unsure of herself when she began to paint for the first time.

5. As she worked on her painting, Sophie forgot about everything else - the stress of work and the worries of everyday life.

6. No, Sophie's first painting wasn't perfect, but it was hers.

7. Yes, Sophie continued to paint every day after work and even signed up for a local art class to improve her skills.

8. Sophie gained confidence and joy from trying something new and discovered a passion for painting that has brought happiness into her life.

**Text2**

**Leonardo da Vinci**

Leonardo da Vinci was a famous artist and inventor who lived in Italy during the Renaissance period. He was born in 1452 and died in 1519. Leonardo is famous for his paintings, such as the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper. He was also a great inventor and made many sketches of machines and devices that were ahead of their time.

Leonardo was very interested in science and nature. He studied birds, plants, and anatomy to help him with his art and inventions. He was also interested in flying and designed many flying machines, although he never built any that worked.

Leonardo was a very curious person and wanted to know everything about the world around him. He wrote many notes and sketches in his notebooks, which are now famous works of art themselves. He was a true Renaissance man, meaning he was skilled in many different areas.

In conclusion, Leonardo da Vinci was a famous artist and inventor who lived in Italy during the Renaissance period. He was known for his paintings, inventions, and curiosity about the world around him. His legacy still lives on today and he is considered one of the greatest artists and thinkers of all time.

**Task1**

**Choose the correct answer**

Questions:

1. Who was Leonardo da Vinci?

a) A famous artist and inventor who lived in Italy during the Renaissance period.

b) A famous musician who lived in Germany during the Baroque period.

c) A famous writer who lived in England during the Romantic period.

d) A famous philosopher who lived in Greece during the Classical period.

2. When was Leonardo da Vinci born and when did he die?

a) Born in 1452 and died in 1519.

b) Born in 1519 and died in 1452.

c) Born in 1520 and died in 1451.

d) Born in 1451 and died in 1520.

3. What is Leonardo da Vinci famous for?

a) His paintings, such as the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper.

b) His music compositions, such as the Four Seasons.

c) His novels, such as War and Peace.

d) His scientific discoveries, such as the theory of relativity.

4. What other skill was Leonardo da Vinci known for besides painting?

a) Inventing machines and devices.

b) Writing poetry and plays.

c) Singing and dancing.

d) Cooking and baking.

5. What did Leonardo da Vinci study to help him with his art and inventions?

a) Birds, plants, and anatomy.

b) History, geography, and politics.

c) Mathematics, physics, and chemistry.

d) Literature, philosophy, and religion.

6. What was Leonardo da Vinci interested in besides art and science?

a) Flying and designing flying machines.

b) Swimming and diving.

c) Horseback riding and jousting.

d) Hunting and fishing.

7. Did Leonardo da Vinci ever build a working flying machine?

a) No, he never built one that worked.

b) Yes, he built several that worked.

c) It is not known whether he built one or not.

d) He built one but it crashed and was destroyed.

8. What did Leonardo da Vinci write in his notebooks?

a) Many notes and sketches that are now famous works of art themselves.

b) Love letters to his wife.

c) Recipes for his favorite dishes.

d) His daily schedule and to-do list.

9. What does it mean to be a Renaissance man?

a) To be skilled in many different areas.

b) To be a painter during the Renaissance period.

c) To be a scientist during the Renaissance period.

d) To be a philosopher during the Renaissance period.

10. How is Leonardo da Vinci remembered today?

a) As one of the greatest artists and thinkers of all time.

b) As a mediocre artist and inventor.

c) As a controversial figure who was ahead of his time.

d) As a forgotten figure who made no significant contributions to history.

Correct answers:

1. a

2. a

3. a

4. a

5. a

6. a

7. a

8. a

9. a

10. a

**Text 3**

**Claude Monet**

Claude Monet was a famous artist who lived in France. He was born in 1840 and died in 1926. Monet is known for his beautiful paintings of landscapes, gardens, and water lilies.

Monet loved to paint outside and he would often go out into nature to find inspiration for his paintings. He painted many different scenes throughout his life, including beaches, rivers, and gardens. One of his most famous series of paintings is his Water Lilies series, which shows the beauty of water lilies in different seasons and times of the day.

Monet used bright colours and bold brushstrokes in his paintings, which made them look very lively and full of energy. His paintings are still very popular today and many people love to look at them in art museums around the world.

In addition to his painting, Monet was also an important figure in the Impressionist movement. This was a group of artists who wanted to show their own impressions of the world through their art. They were interested in capturing the changing light and colours of nature, rather than creating realistic images.

Overall, Claude Monet was a talented artist who created many beautiful paintings that are still admired today. His use of color and brushwork helped to change the way people thought about art, and his legacy continues to inspire artists around the world.

**Task1**

**Fill in the blanks with the words from the original text**

**Claude Monet**

Claude Monet was a famous \_\_\_\_\_(1) who lived in France. He was born in 1840 and died in 1926. Monet is known for his beautiful paintings of \_\_\_\_\_(2), gardens, and water lilies.

Monet loved to \_\_\_\_\_(3) outside and he would often go out into nature to find inspiration for his paintings. He painted many different \_\_\_\_\_(4) throughout his life, including beaches, rivers, and gardens. One of his most famous series of paintings is his Water Lilies series, which shows the \_\_\_\_\_(5) of water lilies in different seasons and times of the day.

Monet used bright \_\_\_\_\_(6) and bold \_\_\_\_\_(7) in his paintings, which made them look very \_\_\_\_\_(8) and full of energy. His paintings are still very popular today and many people love to look at them in art \_\_\_\_\_(9) around the world.

In addition to his painting, Monet was also an important figure in the Impressionist movement. This was a group of artists who wanted to show their own \_\_\_\_\_(10) of the world through their art. They were interested in capturing the changing \_\_\_\_\_(11) and colours of nature, rather than creating realistic \_\_\_\_\_(12).

Overall, Claude Monet was a talented \_\_\_\_\_(13) who created many beautiful paintings that are still \_\_\_\_\_(14) today. His use of colour and brushwork helped to change the way people thought about art, and his legacy continues to \_\_\_\_\_(15) artists around the world.

Correct answers:

1. artist

2. landscapes

3. paint

4. scenes

5. beauty

6. colours

7. brushstrokes

8. lively

9. museums

10. impressions

11. light

12. images

13. artist

14. admired

15. inspire

**Task2**

**Answer the questions:**

1. Who was Claude Monet and what is he known for?

2. Why did Monet like to paint outside, and how did this influence his work?

3. What is "Water Lilies," and why is it one of Monet's most famous paintings?

4. How does Monet use color in "Impression, Sunrise" to create a sense of atmosphere and mood?

5. What is the Impressionist movement, and how did Monet contribute to it?

6. How did Monet use brushstrokes to make his paintings look more realistic?

7. Where can you see Monet's paintings today, and why are they still popular?

Correct answers:

1. Claude Monet was a famous French painter known for his beautiful paintings of landscapes and nature.

2. Monet liked to paint outside so he could see the beauty of nature and capture it on his canvas, which influenced his work by making it more naturalistic and true to life.

3. "Water Lilies" is a painting that shows a pond with water lilies floating on the surface, and it is one of Monet's most famous works because of its bright colors and peaceful atmosphere.

4. In "Impression, Sunrise," Monet uses different colors in the sky to create a sense of atmosphere and mood, capturing the beauty of a sunrise over the sea.

5. The Impressionist movement was a group of painters who liked to paint quickly and use lots of bright colors, and Monet contributed to it through his use of small brushstrokes and emphasis on light and color.

6. Monet used lots of small brushstrokes to create his paintings and make them look more realistic, giving them a sense of texture and depth.

7. Monet's paintings can be seen in museums all around the world, and they are still popular today because of their beauty and ability to capture the wonder of nature.

**Text4**

**Vincent van Gogh**

Vincent van Gogh was a famous painter from the Netherlands. He lived in the 19th century and is known for his beautiful paintings of landscapes, portraits, and still life. He had a very unique style of painting that was different from other artists of his time.

Van Gogh painted many famous paintings like "Starry Night" and "Sunflowers". He used bright colours and bold brushstrokes to create his art. He was also very interested in nature and often painted scenes of fields, trees, and flowers.

Van Gogh had a difficult life and suffered from mental illness. He spent time in hospitals and had trouble selling his paintings. However, he continued to paint and create beautiful works of art until his death at the age of 37.

Today, Van Gogh's paintings are very valuable and can be seen in museums all over the world. Many people love his art and appreciate his unique style. He is considered one of the most important painters in history and his work continues to inspire artists today.

**Task1**

**Fill in the blanks with the words from the original text**

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Van Gogh painted many famous \_\_\_\_\_(4) like "Starry Night" and "Sunflowers". He used bright \_\_\_\_\_(5) and bold brushstrokes to create his art. He was also very interested in nature and often painted \_\_\_\_\_(6) of fields, trees, and flowers.

Van Gogh had a difficult life and suffered from mental illness. He spent time in hospitals and had trouble selling his paintings. However, he continued to paint and create beautiful works of \_\_\_\_\_(7) until his death at the age of 37.

Today, Van Gogh's paintings are very \_\_\_\_\_(8) and can be seen in \_\_\_\_\_(9) all over the world. Many people love his art and \_\_\_\_\_(10) his unique \_\_\_\_\_(11). He is considered one of the most important painters in history and his work continues to inspire \_\_\_\_\_(12) today.

Correct answers:

1. painter

2. portraits

3. unique

4. paintings

5. colours

6. scenes

7. art

8. valuable

9. museums

10. appreciate

11. style

12. artists

**Task2**

**Answer the questions:**

1. Who was Vincent van Gogh and what is he known for?

2. What makes Van Gogh's style of painting unique compared to other artists of his time?

3. Which famous paintings did Van Gogh create, and what are some common themes in his work?

4. How did Van Gogh use colour and brushstrokes in his paintings?

5. What subjects did Van Gogh often paint, and why was he interested in nature?

6. Did Van Gogh face any challenges during his life as an artist? If so, what were they?

7. Why do people appreciate Van Gogh's art today, and how has it influenced other artists?

8. What can we learn about history and culture from studying the works of Vincent van Gogh?

Correct answers:

1. Vincent van Gogh was a famous painter from the Netherlands known for his beautiful paintings of landscapes, portraits, and still life.

2. Van Gogh's style of painting is unique because of his use of bright colours and bold brushstrokes.

3. Van Gogh created many famous paintings like "Starry Night" and "Sunflowers," often featuring scenes of nature and everyday life.

4. Van Gogh used bright colours and bold brushstrokes to create texture and movement in his paintings.

5. Van Gogh often painted scenes of fields, trees, and flowers because he was interested in nature and its beauty.

6. Yes, Van Gogh faced challenges during his life as an artist, including mental illness and difficulty selling his paintings.

7. People appreciate Van Gogh's art today because of its unique style and emotional depth, and it has influenced many other artists throughout history.

8. Studying the works of Vincent van Gogh can teach us about the history and culture of 19th century Europe, as well as the evolution of art movements over time.

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**Text 5**

**Art**

Art is a form of expression that has been around for thousands of years. It can be found in various forms, including paintings, sculptures, and even graffiti. Art can evoke emotions, tell stories, and inspire people to think and feel differently.

One of the most famous art movements in history is the Renaissance, which occurred in Europe during the 14th to 17th centuries. This period was marked by a renewed interest in classical art and learning, resulting in some of the most iconic works of art in history, such as Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa and Michelangelo's David.

Contemporary art, on the other hand, refers to the art created in recent times, often reflecting modern-day issues and trends. Some popular contemporary artists include Banksy, Yayoi Kusama, and Jeff Koons.

Art can also be used as a tool for social change and activism. Many artists use their work to raise awareness about important issues such as climate change, inequality, and human rights. For example, Ai Weiwei is a Chinese artist who uses his art to speak out against the Chinese government's policies and practices.

Learning about art can be a fun and enriching experience. Visiting museums and galleries, attending art exhibitions, and taking art classes are all great ways to explore the world of art. Whether you appreciate classical art or contemporary art, there is something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate in the world of art.

**Task 1**

**Fill in the blanks with the words from the original text**

**Art**

Art is a form of \_\_\_\_\_(1) that has been around for thousands of years. It can be found in \_\_\_\_\_(2) forms, including \_\_\_\_\_(3), sculptures, and even \_\_\_\_\_(4). Art can evoke \_\_\_\_\_(5), tell stories, and \_\_\_\_\_(6) people to think and feel differently.

One of the most famous art \_\_\_\_\_(7) in history is the Renaissance, which \_\_\_\_\_(8) in Europe during the 14th to 17th centuries. This period was marked by a renewed interest in classical art and \_\_\_\_\_(9), resulting in some of the most iconic works of art in history, such as Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa and Michelangelo's David.

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Art can also be used as a tool for social change and activism. Many artists use their work to raise \_\_\_\_\_(12) about important \_\_\_\_\_(13) such as climate change, \_\_\_\_\_(14), and human rights. For example, Ai Weiwei is a Chinese artist who uses his art to speak out against the Chinese government's \_\_\_\_\_(15) and practices.

Learning about art can be a fun and \_\_\_\_\_(16) experience. Visiting museums and galleries, \_\_\_\_\_(17) art \_\_\_\_\_(18), and taking art classes are all great ways to \_\_\_\_\_(19) the world of art. Whether you \_\_\_\_\_(20) classical art or contemporary art, there is something for everyone to enjoy and appreciate in the world of art.

Correct answers:

1. expression

2. various

3. paintings

4. graffiti

5. emotions

6. inspire

7. movements

8. occurred

9. learning

10. refers

11. reflecting

12. awareness

13. issues

14. inequality

15. policies

16. enriching

17. attending

18. exhibitions

19. explore

20. appreciate

**Task 2**

**Answer the questions:**

1. What is art and what are some of its forms?

2. How can art impact people's emotions and thoughts?

3. What was the Renaissance, and why is it considered one of the most famous art movements in history?

4. Who were some of the most iconic artists during the Renaissance period, and what are their most famous works?

5. What is contemporary art, and how does it differ from classical art?

6. Who are some popular contemporary artists, and what are their styles or themes?

7. How can art be used as a tool for social change and activism?

8. Can you give an example of an artist who uses their work to raise awareness about important issues?

9. What are some ways to learn more about art and explore the world of art?

10. Why do you think learning about art is important?

Correct answers:

1. Art is a form of expression that can take various forms, including paintings, sculptures, and graffiti.

2. Art can evoke emotions, tell stories, and inspire people to think and feel differently.

3. The Renaissance was a period in European history marked by a renewed interest in classical art and learning.

4. Some of the most iconic artists during the Renaissance period include Leonardo da Vinci (Mona Lisa) and Michelangelo (David).

5. Contemporary art refers to the art created in recent times, often reflecting modern-day issues and trends.

6. Popular contemporary artists include Banksy (street art), Yayoi Kusama (installation art), and Jeff Koons (sculpture).

7. Art can be used as a tool for social change and activism by raising awareness about important issues such as climate change, inequality, and human rights.

8. Ai Weiwei is a Chinese artist who uses his art to speak out against the Chinese government's policies and practices.

9. Ways to learn more about art and explore the world of art include visiting museums and galleries, attending art exhibitions, and taking art classes.

10. Learning about art is important because it can broaden our perspectives, inspire creativity, and help us understand different cultures and historical periods.

**Text 6**

**The Art and the Artists**

Sarah: Have you been to any art exhibitions lately?

Tom: Yes, I went to see an exhibition last week. It was amazing.

Sarah: What kind of art was it?

Tom: It was contemporary art - lots of installations and videos. There was one piece that was all about climate change. The artist had created a room that looked like an underwater world, with fish swimming overhead. But then the water started rising and everything became chaotic...it really made me think.

Sarah: That sounds fascinating. I love how artists can use their work to raise awareness about important issues.

Tom: Absolutely. And it's not just contemporary artists who do this - even during the Renaissance period, artists were using their work as a means of expression and communication.

Sarah: Yes, like Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the Mona Lisa. Do you have a favorite piece of art?

Tom: Hmm...that's a tough question. I'd probably say Banksy's Girl with Balloon. I love how he uses his street art to make powerful statements.

Sarah: Speaking of social activism, have you heard of Ai Weiwei?

Tom: Yes, the Chinese artist, right? He's been using his art to speak out against the government's policies.

Sarah: Exactly. It's inspiring to see how artists can use their talents for social change.

**Task 1**

**Fill in the blanks with the words from the original text**

**The Art and the Artists**

Sarah: Have you been to any art \_\_\_\_\_(1) lately?

Tom: Yes, I went to see an exhibition last week. It was amazing.

Sarah: What kind of art was it?

Tom: It was \_\_\_\_\_(2) art - lots of installations and videos. There was one piece that was all about \_\_\_\_\_(3) change. The artist had \_\_\_\_\_(4) a room that looked like an underwater world, with fish swimming overhead. But then the water started rising and everything became chaotic...it really made me think.

Sarah: That sounds \_\_\_\_\_(5). I love how artists can use their work to raise \_\_\_\_\_(6) about important \_\_\_\_\_(7).

Tom: Absolutely. And it's not just contemporary artists who do this - even during the Renaissance \_\_\_\_\_(8), artists were using their work as a means of \_\_\_\_\_(9) and communication.

Sarah: Yes, like Leonardo da Vinci's \_\_\_\_\_(10), the Mona Lisa. Do you have a favorite piece of art?

Tom: Hmm...that's a tough question. I'd probably say Banksy's Girl with Balloon. I love how he uses his street art to make \_\_\_\_\_(11) statements.

Sarah: Speaking of social activism, have you heard of Ai Weiwei?

Tom: Yes, the Chinese artist, right? He's been using his art to speak out against the government's \_\_\_\_\_(12).

Sarah: Exactly. It's \_\_\_\_\_(13) to see how artists can use their \_\_\_\_\_(14) for social \_\_\_\_\_(15).

Correct answers:

1. exhibitions

2. contemporary

3. climate

4. created

5. fascinating

6. awareness

7. issues

8. period

9. expression

10. masterpiece

11. powerful

12. policies

13. inspiring

14. talents

15. change

**Task 2**

**Answer the questions:**

1. What kind of art did Tom see at the exhibition?

2. Can you describe the piece about climate change that Tom saw at the exhibition?

3. How does Sarah feel about artists using their work to raise awareness about important issues?

4. According to Tom, when did artists start using their work as a means of expression and communication?

5. Which artwork is Tom's favorite, and why?

6. Who is Ai Weiwei, and what has he been using his art for?

7. How can artists use their talents for social change?

Correct answers:

1. Tom saw contemporary art - lots of installations and videos.

2. The artist had created a room that looked like an underwater world, with fish swimming overhead. But then the water started rising and everything became chaotic.

3. Sarah loves how artists can use their work to raise awareness about important issues.

4. Even during the Renaissance period, artists were using their work as a means of expression and communication.

5. Banksy's Girl with Balloon is Tom's favorite because he loves how Banksy uses his street art to make powerful statements.

6. Ai Weiwei is a Chinese artist who has been using his art to speak out against the government's policies.

7. Artists can use their talents for social change by creating works that raise awareness about important issues or challenge societal norms and expectations.

**Text 7**

**Four Opinions**

John: "I don't really get art, to be honest. Whenever I go to a gallery or museum, I just wander around aimlessly hoping something sparkles my interest. But usually, I just end up feeling bored."

Example: John went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art with his girlfriend, and while she was admiring the paintings, he found himself staring at the floor, feeling dull.

Samantha: "Art is everything to me. I just love how it can evoke so many emotions in people. Whether it's a beautiful painting or an edgy sculpture, art always has a way to touch my soul."

Example: Samantha spent her entire weekend painting a mural of her favorite tree on her bedroom wall, and now wakes up every morning feeling relaxed and at peace as she gazes at it.

Tina: "I don't know... I mean, I appreciate art and all that, but sometimes I wonder if I'm just not cultured enough to really understand it. Plus, the whole world of art seems so intimidating to me."

Example: Tina recently went to an art exhibit showcasing contemporary art, but felt overwhelmed by the avant-garde pieces and didn't know how to react.

Chris: "Art is the one thing that has truly changed my life. When I look at a masterpiece, I know that I am connecting with the artist's soul. It's such a powerful feeling, words can’t express it."

Example: Chris recalls the first time he saw The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh with his family when he was younger, and became emotional realizing that he could feel the artist's pain through his brushstrokes.

**Facts**

1. The oldest known artwork is over 70,000 years old.

2. The most famous painting of all time is the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci.

3. Vincent van Gogh only sold one painting while he was alive.

4. Pablo Picasso was a prolific artist who created more than 50,000 artworks.

5. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel lying on his back.

6. "Starry Night" by Vincent van Gogh is one of the most famous paintings in the world.

7. The most expensive painting ever sold is "Salvator Mundi" by Leonardo da Vinci.

8. Pablo Picasso is credited with co-founding the Cubist movement.

9. Banksy is a mysterious street artist who has never been identified.

10. Jackson Pollock is famous for his unique style of drip painting.

**Advantages and Disadvantages**

**Advantages:**

1. Express yourself creatively and imaginatively

2. Provides enjoyment and relaxation

3. Improves focus and attention to detail

4. Boosts confidence by seeing the result of your work

5. Helps develop problem-solving skills

**Disadvantages:**

1. Can be expensive to buy materials or pay for lessons

2. Takes a long time to become good at it

3. Can be messy, requiring extra cleaning up

4. Not everyone enjoys art or has an interest in it

5. May require specific skills that some people don't have

**Discussion Questions**

1. What kind of art do you enjoy looking at?

2. Have you ever tried painting or drawing before?

3. Who is your favorite artist and why?

4. Do you prefer abstract or realistic art?

5. Have you been to any art museums or galleries before?

6. What colors do you think represent different emotions in art?

7. Can you name a famous piece of artwork that you really like?

8. How does art make you feel when you look at it?

9. Do you think art can be used to express political or social messages?

10. Would you rather create your own art or appreciate the work of others?

**more advanced**

1. What is your favorite art form and why?

2. How do you think technology has impacted the world of art?

3. Who is your favorite artist and what draws you to their work?

4. Do you believe that art can be used as a tool for social change? Why or why not?

5. Have you ever created any artwork yourself? If so, what was it and how did you feel about the process?

6. In your opinion, what makes a piece of art "good"?

7. How important do you think art education is in schools?

8. Can you name some famous works of art that have had a significant impact on society?

9. Do you prefer traditional or contemporary art styles? Why?

10. How do you think different cultures express themselves through art?

**Creative Writing**

**Personal essay topics:**

1. My favourite colour and why I love it.

2. The most beautiful artwork I have ever seen.

3. How art helps me express myself.

4. The funniest thing that happened to me while making art.

5. My dream art project and what I would create.

**General essay topics:**

1. Art is an important part of our lives. Do you agree?

2. Some people believe that art should only be created by professionals. What do you think?

3. Art can help us understand different cultures. Do you agree or disagree?

4. Some people think that art is not necessary in schools. What do you think?

5. People have different opinions on what makes art beautiful. What do you think?

**more advanced**

**Personal essay topics:**

1. My experience discovering my passion for art and how it has impacted my life.

2. The role of art in helping me express my emotions and cope with difficult situations.

3. My journey as an artist and the challenges I have faced along the way.

4. How art has allowed me to connect with people from different cultures and backgrounds.

5. The impact of art on my personal growth and development.

**General essay topics:**

1. Some people believe that art is an essential subject for children at school while others think it is a waste of time. Discuss both views and give your own opinion.

2. Art galleries and museums should be free to the public, to what extent do you agree or disagree?

3. In today's society, many people do not appreciate the value of art. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement?

4. Art is often seen as a luxury rather than a necessity. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

5. With the rise of digital art, traditional art forms such as painting and sculpture are becoming less popular. Is this a positive or negative development?