3 Art Everywhere

Vocabulary
Works of art

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b Match the descriptions a–d to the images in 1.

a _____ b _____ c _____ d _____

Gradable & absolute adjectives

3 a Give the sentences more emphasis. Replace the bold adjective with an extreme adjective from the box. There are two adjectives that you don’t need.

delicious exhausted fascinating huge impossible stunning terrible tiny unique

1 The Mona Lisa is a special unique portrait. It’s the greatest portrait in the world.

2 I find it difficult _________ to take good photos.

3 I think most graffiti looks bad _________.

4 I think the Statue of Liberty in the USA is beautiful _________.

5 I think my local art gallery is interesting _________.

6 I’d rather have one big _________ painting on the wall of my living room than lots of small _________ ones.

b Which sentences do you agree with?
People watching

4 Complete the text. Use the correct form of appropriate verbs.

The nineteenth-century artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec truly loved to spend time in Parisian cafés. During the day he might sit at a table near the window and watch the world go by, but he was more enthusiastic about the cafés at night. Toulouse-Lautrec painted customers while they were governing about their business, photographing the time of day with their friend, or simply sitting and staring into space. Sometimes Toulouse-Lautrec worked in silence. Perhaps he listened on other peoples’ conversations and listened in to the parts he found most interesting, or perhaps he simply concentrated on his work. However, he was naturally a very sociable person, and he liked to be part of the crowd himself. He often painted while he was sharing a table with friends!

Vocabulary Extension

People in the arts

5 Complete the chart with the people and art forms from the box.

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6 Complete the list with words from 5. Do you agree with any of the suggestions?

My top five artistic inspirations

1 Beethoven He wrote such wonderful music, and in my opinion, he was the greatest ever.
2 Dante’s Divine Comedy It’s easy to forget that this amazing piece of was written by a medieval !
3 The Giza Pyramids The is absolutely stunning. Sadly, we’ll probably never know who the ancient s were.
4 Michelangelo He was an incredible painter and . The Pietà he made out of cold stone moves me to tears every time I see it.
5 Krzysztof Kieslowski I’ll never get bored with watching the Three Colors movies by this brilliant .

7 Complete the extract from a gallery brochure. Use the correct form of the words from the box. There is one word that you don’t need.

amaze disturb exhibit install look photograph sculpt watch

What’s on: displays and exhibitions at the Moortown Art Gallery.

Room 1
Screams – paintings of unhappiness and anxiety inspired by the fascinating work of Edvard Munch.

Room 2
All in the Mind – an by local sculptor, Cassie McBride. Step inside a huge, ten-meter high of a human head and explore our ideas of mind and self.

Room 3
Tricks of the Light – strange and mysterious pictures by local , Miles Brooks. “You’ll be by his stunning photography”—The Evening Times.

The stylish Art Café is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. Come and watch the world go by while enjoying our delicious hot drinks, pastries and sandwiches!

8 Read the extract again and find words that mean...

1 very interesting
2 very large
3 very beautiful
**GRAMMAR**

Gradable & absolute adjectives

1 Put the words and phrases from the box in order, from the smallest to biggest.

absolutely huge    absolutely tiny
big      fairly big      huge      very small
small      tiny

1 absolutely tiny
2 __________
3 __________
4 __________
5 __________
6 __________
7 __________
8 __________

2 Choose the correct words. Then complete the sentences with your ideas.

1 One building I think is __________ / totally beautiful is the Taj Mahal.
2 I think that __________ is absolutely / very delicious.
3 I sometimes feel __________ / absolutely tired after I’ve __________.
4 My least favorite subject is __________. I find it completely difficult / impossible!
5 One painting I find __________ / completely special is __________.
6 I recently watched a movie called __________. It was fairly / really fantastic, and I don’t think it could have been much better.

**As ... as, comparatives & superlatives**

3 a Write the correct form of the adjectives.

What do you know about ART?

1 Is the Louvre art museum in Paris __________ (big) or __________ (small) than the Prado in Madrid?

2 Which artist was the least __________ (wealthy) of these three: Picasso, Dalí or van Gogh?

3 Which of these paintings are by far __________ (early): the Altamira cave paintings in Spain, the Chauvet cave paintings in France or the Cuevas de las Manos paintings in Argentina?

4 Is Vincent van Gogh’s Sunflowers more __________ (expensive) than Jackson Pollock’s painting No. 15, 1948?

5 Which of these paintings is __________ (old) of all?

6 Which of these statues isn’t as __________ (big) the other two?

b Answer the quiz questions.

Answers

1 bigger
2 van Gogh
3 the Chauvet cave paintings
4 a Rewrite the sentences so that they have similar meanings. Write between two and four words, including the word in parentheses.

1 This little cat is very cute. The other cats aren’t as cute. (less)
   The other cats are _______ cute than this little cat.
2 This design is definitely the most stylish of the three. (much)
   This design is ______________________ than the other two.
3 I don’t think the other cats are as good as this black one. (far)
   The black cat is by ______________________.
4 This scene is very traditional. The others are less so. (slightly)
   This scene looks ______________________ the others.
5 This one is prettier than the other designs. (as)
   The other designs are ______________________ this one.
6 It’s by far the funniest of the pictures. (lot)
   It’s ______________________ the other pictures.

b Which sentences do you agree with?

7 a Correct the wrong sentences. Mark (✓) two correct sentences.

1 I never walk around art galleries quick.
   I never walk around art galleries quickly. ✓
2 The right paintings can make any room seem lovely.
3 Anyone can take good photos easy with a digital camera.
4 Most modern art looks terribly.
5 I feel most creative early in the morning.
6 I can draw good.
7 I’m only interested in art if it’s beautifully.

b Which sentences do you agree with?

8 Choose the correct options to complete the text.

**Frida Kahlo**

The Mexican artist Frida Kahlo was born in 1907. Many of her paintings are well-known, but she’s probably most famous / more famous for her self-portraits.

Frida Kahlo’s life was often absolutely / very difficult. When she was six, she had an illness called polio, which meant that her right leg didn’t grow correctly. In 1925, she was in a terrible tram accident, and she suffered from pain for the rest of her life. However, she didn’t let that stop her from working, and she often painted late / lately into the night, even when she was sick.

As a young artist, Frida wrote to the painter Diego Rivera because she admired his work. He thought that she painted good / well too—and told her so. They got married a few years later, but they often argued. They were each as passionate as / than the other!

During their lifetime, Diego was much better known as / than Frida. But in the 1980s, her work became most popular / more popular than her husband’s. Now her wonderful and fairly / totally unique art is world-famous. It has been celebrated in exhibitions, movies and books—even on postage stamps and paper money!
FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE  Adding emphasis

1  a  Mark (✓) the three emphatic sentences.
   1  What I like is that all the artists are extremely talented.  ☑
   2  The problem is that the paintings aren’t very original.  ☑
   3  The new display in this gallery is the best exhibition I’ve seen.  ☑
   4  I’m not crazy about lazy drawings and bad painting. □
   5  The most disappointing thing is the lack of variety here. □

   b  How many speakers are enjoying the exhibition?

2  Rewrite these sentences so that they are more emphatic.
   1  I hate the confusing design.  
      What I hate is the confusing design.
   2  I love the strong political message.
   3  This self-portrait is my favorite painting.
   4  The gray color is the most disturbing thing about the photo.
   5  I don’t like the statue’s expression.
   6  The fact that the exhibition is so expensive is the problem.

LISTENING  Completing summaries

1  a  Listen to an audio guide of Temple Newsam House in the UK. In what order do you hear about the rooms? Draw a route on the room map.

   b  Match photo b to one of the rooms. _________

   In the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the Hall was used for dancing and (1) ______ parties. On the east wall, there’s a very big (2) ______ of a horse.

   The desk in the Library was made around (3) ______. In 1912, the room was used for playing games and (4) ______.

   In the entrance to the Blue Room you can see a (5) ______ of Narcissus and an interesting ceiling. The ceiling was painted to look like a (6) ______.

   Around (7) ______, Lady Hertford decorated the Blue Room with Chinese wallpaper and pictures of (8) ______ birds.

   Room Map

   Library  Blue Room  Great Hall

   Corridor

   Entrance to the Blue Room

   Strategy  When you have to complete summaries, don’t add unnecessary information. Does the rubric tell you how many words you need to write? Don’t write any more words than this!
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If you enjoy sharing your photos with friends and family, you’re probably uploading your best shots to a site like Flickr already. But why not make some money from your hobby, too? Although you can’t sell photos directly through Flickr, you can write a comment on your page to say that your work is for sale. People who want to buy a photo can then contact you by e-mail. In your reply, you can give more information and suggest a price for your images.

What I like about Flickr is that you don’t have to pay the site any money for the photos you sell. The bigger photo-sharing websites usually ask you to pay them a percentage of your profits, so I’d only recommend these for serious professionals.

To improve your chances of success, think of your photo albums as exhibitions. Don’t add too many photos. The problem is that many viewers find huge albums boring and even annoying! A maximum of 20 pictures per album is ideal. Think about which photos people will find the most interesting or surprising. Good-quality “action” shots of people or animals are often popular. Poor-quality photos of your vacation are not!

Try to make yourself popular. Advertising is expensive, and I wouldn’t recommend it. The easiest and cheapest way I know to attract more visitors to your page is simply this: Be friendly! Look at other people’s photo albums and write positive comments. They’ll probably then visit your page and do the same.

The Flickr help page includes lots more useful tips. Good luck, and above all, have fun!

3 Read the start of another web page on the same topic. Underline two places where the writer disagrees with the writer in 2. Who do you agree with the most?

Strategy: Identifying the purpose of a text can help you understand it. Decide what kind of text it is and who it is written for. What ideas does the writer include in the text? Do you think other writers would have different ideas about this topic?