



## UNDERSTANDING GRAFFITI: ART OR VANDALISM?



1) Complete the text with the correct passive form of the verb in brackets.

Graffiti \_\_\_\_\_ (consider) by some to be an art form. others however feel that those who paint on buildings and walls which then have to \_\_\_\_\_ (clean) at the taxpayer's expense are vandals and should \_\_\_\_\_ (punish).

In London last week five graffiti artists \_\_\_\_\_ (send) to prison for damaging public property. For over two years trains and stations \_\_\_\_\_ (cover) in their work. During the trial the court \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) that previously two of the artists \_\_\_\_\_ (employ) by two London councils as art tutors. They \_\_\_\_\_ (describe) in court as inspirational in their work with young people but this did not save them from prison. Next week photos of their work \_\_\_\_\_ (show) in a New York art gallery where visitors \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) to consider whether the men are artists or criminals.