

L.S. LOWRY

Laurence Stephen Lowry was born in Manchester, a city in the north of England, in 1887. He hated school and was happy when he left to work in an office. His colleagues there were friendly and often asked him to go to the cinema or the theatre in the evenings but he did not go; he preferred to go to art school.

Lowry loved walking through the city streets, looking at people doing everyday things. He painted these things in his pictures. His parents thought his paintings were very good but nobody ever bought one. Then one day, a man who knew a lot about art bought one and showed it to some people in the art business.

Suddenly, many people knew Lowry's paintings, but he could only paint in the evenings until he stopped working when he was sixty-five. Then, he painted and sold many pictures and earned a lot of money, which he used to help young artists.

Now, twenty years after his death, he's one of Britain's favorite artists, but not many people in other countries know Lowry's work.

Example:

0. Where was Lowry born?

- ☒ A Manchester.
- ☐ B Wales.
- ☐ C Scotland.

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| 1 When Lowry was at school, he | A was happy.
B did not like it.
C had a lot of friends. |
| 2 What did Lowry do after work? | A He went to the cinema.
B He stayed at home.
C He studied art. |
| 3 What did Lowry paint? | A People in school.
B People at home.
C People in the street. |
| 4 Lowry's family | A liked his paintings.
B sold his paintings.
C didn't understand his paintings. |
| 5 Why did Lowry become famous? | A He was a good businessman.
B He knew a lot about art.
C his paintings. |
| 6 When Lowry stopped working in the office, he | A became rich.
B taught art.
C started an art business. |
| 7 Today, Lowry's work is | A Famous all over the world.
B Not known in Britain.
C Loved in his country. |