

## UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 9

- 1 OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. What areas of the arts that these people talk about do you enjoy?
- 2** Read the sentences below about the areas of the arts that Val enjoys. Then watch the video from 0:12–0:32 and delete the incorrect words.

Hi, I <sup>1</sup> like/enjoy lots of areas of the arts, particularly photography and <sup>2</sup> ballet/dance. I go to a lot of art and photography <sup>3</sup> exhibitions/galleries, and I like the small, intimate <sup>4</sup> places/ones the most. Today, I'm at Tate Modern in central London asking people about <sup>5</sup> culture/the arts. What areas of the arts do you <sup>6</sup> like/enjoy?



**Glossary:** contemporary art = modern art  
sketch = a simple, quickly made drawing  
ubiquitous = seeming to be everywhere

- 3** What areas of the arts do you enjoy? Look at the items in the box. Then watch the video from 0:33–1:29 and check (✓) the things that the speakers mention. There are four extra items.

photography theater film visual arts painting sketches illustration jazz sculpture  
literature dance music ballet contemporary art drawing opera graphic art

- 4** Tell us about a recent exhibition or performance you went to. Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video from 1:31–2:32 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each answer.



Andrew

- 1 He went to see a dance performance. \_\_\_\_



Hannah

- 2 She liked the performance she saw very much. \_\_\_\_



Susan

- 3 She went to an Indian art exhibition. \_\_\_\_



Bob

- 4 He went to a jazz concert. \_\_\_\_



Alice

- 5 She went to a photography exhibition. \_\_\_\_



Adrian

- 6 He went to the theater. \_\_\_\_

- 5** Do you think the arts are important? Look at the six people below and read what they say about the arts. Then watch the video from 2:34–3:35 and match the people A–F to the comments 1–6.



Hannah



Adrian



Adela



Susan



Alice



Rob

- 1 ... it's a way of expressing yourself or expressing who you are.
- 2 It's an important way for people to understand all aspects of life, I think.
- 3 Very much so, yes. They're part of our culture.
- 4 Children learn through art more than anything else, I think.
- 5 It's what makes me feel most alive, ...
- 6 ... in a world without art, where's the imagination?

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- 6 THE WAY WE SPEAK:** The people in the video talk about the areas of the arts they enjoy. Read their answers and fill in the blanks. Then watch the video again from 0:33–1:29 and check your answers.



Andrew

- 1 I \_\_\_\_\_ painting, sculpture and dance.



Hannah

- 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ theater and reading and, when I get the opportunity, to go and see some pictures.



Adela

3 I \_\_\_\_\_ photography. I studied it at college.



Susan

4 I \_\_\_\_\_ all sorts of art, but, at the moment, I am doing a Master of Arts in contemporary art.



Rob

5 I \_\_\_\_\_ like literature; I like books, but I enjoy most areas of the... music, too.



Adrian

6 I like drawing, actually, sketches of people's faces. I \_\_\_\_\_ that.  
And sculpture—anything in wood and stone. I enjoy that.



Alice

7 I'm an illustration student, so I \_\_\_\_\_ contemporary graphic art and illustration and drawing.

**7 PERSONALIZATION:** Write a short paragraph about the areas of the arts you enjoy most and why. Use Val's questions to help you and also use some of the language from the video.

- What areas of the arts do you enjoy?
- Tell us about a recent exhibition or performance you went to.
- Do you think the arts are important?

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