

EXTRA CLASSES - ELEMENTARY

Art – Vincent Van Gogh

1. Discuss with you teacher and your classmates:

- Do you like art?
- What kind of art do you like? (photograph, painting, pottery, sculpture)
- Who's you your favorite painter/artist?

2. Match the vocabulary with the pictures:

Drawing



Painting



Photography



Pottery



Sculpture



3. Read the text about Vincent Van Gogh and complete with the past form of the verbs in parentheses:

Vincent Willem Van Gogh was born in Netherlands in 1853. He 1 _____ (be) a Dutch post-impressionist painter who 2 _____ (become) one of the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western Art.

He 3 _____ (have) a difficult life because he suffered from mental illness. He never 4 _____ (get) married. He 5 _____ (not begin) to draw and paint seriously until he 6 _____ (be) 27, and he died just ten years later.

In a decade Vincent created 2.100 art works including around 860 oil paintings most of which date from the last 2 years of his life. At first Van Gogh 7 _____ (draw) poor people and used only dark colours. Later he 8 _____ (go) to the south of France. He loved the sunlight there and his style of painting 9 _____ (become) colourful and exciting.

Unfortunately Van Gogh 10 _____ (not be) commercially successful, he only 11 _____ (sell) one painting before he died. He was often depressed and his mental illness turned for the worst. First, he 12 _____ (cut) off part of his ear, and then in 1890, he 13 _____ (shoot) himself.

4. Look at the pictures. Which ones are from Vincent Van Gogh:

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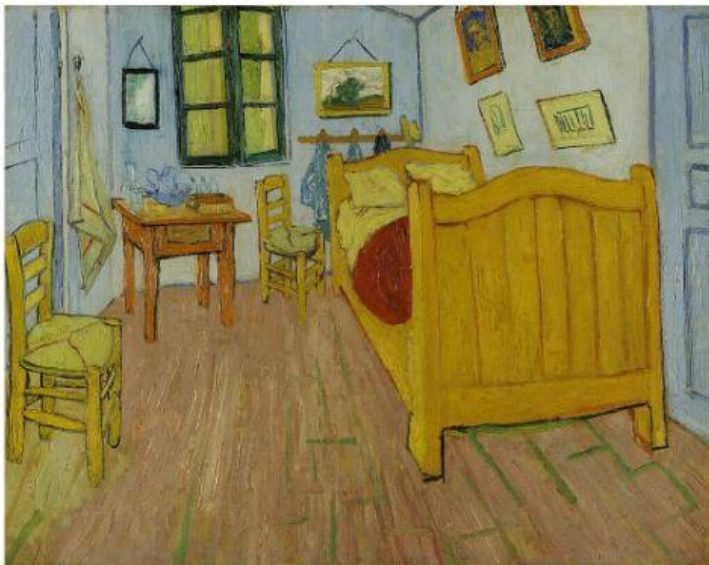
Pictures: _____

5. Look at the pictures, choose one of them and make a small description of it:

Picture 1 - *The Starry Night*, 1889



Picture 2 - *Bedroom in Arles*, 1888



Picture 3 - *Café Terrace at Night*, 1888

