

GRAFFITI: Street Art

1) Read the text about graffiti.



Graffiti comes from a Greek word that means **“to write.”**

People have painted and drawn on walls for a long time. Long ago, people painted on cave walls. Today, these paintings are considered art. Graffiti was also found in ancient Roman buildings.

Today, when people draw on walls, it is called **graffiti**. Sometimes it is cleaned quickly. Graffiti can be small, like a name or initials, or big, like a mural.

Some vocabulary related to graffiti:

- Graffiti artists are often called **“writers.”**
- A writer’s name written with spray paint is called a **“tag.”**
- Groups of graffiti artists are called **“crews.”**
- New or beginner artists are called **“toys.”**

For some people, graffiti is a way to show their feelings or ideas. They may feel happy, sad, angry, or frustrated. That is why graffiti is popular with young people.

Graffiti culture started in **America** and is now popular in many countries.

2) Match the question with the correct answer.

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| 1. What does “graffiti” mean? | A) a name written with spray paint |
| 2. What is a graffiti artist called? | B) “to write” |
| 3. What is a “tag”? | C) in America |
| 4. What are groups of graffiti artists called? | D) crews |
| 5. Why do people make graffiti? Where did graffiti culture start? | E) to show feelings or ideas |
| | F) writers |

3) Write True (T), False (F) or Not Stated (NS).

1. Graffiti started in Egypt. _____
2. A mural is a type of graffiti. _____
3. A “tag” is a graffiti artist’s name. _____
4. Beginner artists are called “writers.” _____
5. Graffiti shows people’s feelings. _____
6. Graffiti is only popular in America. _____
7. Graffiti is always considered art today. _____