

7 Match the headings (A–F) with the paragraphs (1–4). There are two extra headings.

- A Dealing with clients
- B A modest artist in the background
- C Art is not for sale
- D Two definitions
- E A photographer's perspective
- F A famous person in the foreground

Art or craftsmanship?

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Are photographers artists or only craftspeople? What is the difference? A craftsperson creates useful objects by hand and then sells them. An artist creates things just to express emotions, entertain or tell a story. But is it really so simple?

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Let's take Annie Leibovitz, for example, who is now the most famous portrait photographer in the world. She has photographed well-known actors, singers, Olympic champions and designers. Her photographs always tell an emotional story and are true pieces of art. But she also earns money on them.

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The backgrounds for her portraits are created by another person, Sarah Oliphant. Her works include huge landscapes, abstract paintings or small objects. She says she is a craftsperson, not an artist, because everything she makes is useful to other people and they pay her for it. But people can see her work as art too.

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So what is the answer? I am a photographer and I know that people who work in the photography business are almost always craftspeople. They produce images for money on their clients' orders. But sometimes they use their talent, tools and skills to create something personal. And then they become artists.

What do you think?