

ART IN THE OPEN

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1 Read the text about Rio de Janeiro and drag the words and phrases to their correct place.

PERMISSION 3000

LEGALIZE GRAFFITI BRAZIL

BRIGHT PAINTINGS

STREET ART TOURS

STREET ART IT WAS ILLEGAL

HOW RIO DE JANEIRO TRANSFORMED ITS STREETS

If you walk through the streets of Rio de Janeiro, [redacted], you'll immediately notice something extraordinary about the city: [redacted]. All around the city, the walls are covered in colorful murals and [redacted]

In the past, [redacted]. But in 2009, the city passed a law that allowed street art on private buildings if the owner gives [redacted]. In 2014, Rio de Janeiro became the first city in the world to [redacted] in places such as skate parks and walls surrounding construction sites.

Street art is very popular in the city, both with residents and tourists, who can take special guided [redacted] around Rio. One of the favorites is called "Mural das Etnias: Todos somos um" by Eduardo Kobra. This [redacted] m² spectacular work of art is the world's biggest mural.

#StreetArtRio

is an independent online project in which volunteers travel around the city, take photos of the street art and upload them onto the website, including other details such as the name of the artist and its location. This makes an effective record of all street-art, and it means that when someone paints a new piece of art over an old picture, there is still a record of what was there before.



TRUE FALSE

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2 Read the texts and decide if the sentences are true or false.

It is illegal to paint private walls in Rio de Janeiro.

TRUE FALSE

Street art is an important tourist attraction.

TRUE FALSE

Eduardo Kobra is a street art artist.

TRUE FALSE

#streetartrio is funded by the city of Rio de Janeiro.

TRUE FALSE

Sometimes street artists paint over other artists' paintings.

TRUE FALSE

3 Listen to the recording about Las Palmitas, Mexico, and complete with the words you hear.



_____ art goes beyond just making a _____ look pretty: it can change society. In Las Palmitas, a neighborhood of Pachuca, _____, residents worked together with a _____ art group to paint their hill side _____ in bright colors.

The result was an enormous _____ that can be seen from _____ away.

As the community worked together on the _____, they noticed how the _____ brought joy to their neighborhood. "In the _____, you wake up and look around and see the _____ that surround you," said one resident. "It's very _____".

