Unit 4 MUSIC AND ARTS

THIS UNIT INCLUDES:

Vocabulary
Music and arts

Pronunciation
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Comparisons:
like, different from, (not) as ... as

Skills
- Reading about a traditional art form
- Talking about a musical performance at one's school
- Listening to a talk about street painting
- Writing an informal letter of invitation

Everyday English
Expressing preferences

GETTING STARTED

A talk at the school gate



1 **Listen and read.** 122

Trang: Hi, Nick. What are you listening to?

Nick: I'm listening to music. I like classical music, and I often play the piano in my spare time.

Trang: Wow. I can't play any instruments.

Nick: And what about you? What's your hobby?

Trang: I like painting and taking photos.

Nick: Taking photos? I've never tried it. Is it fun?

Trang: Yeah, it is, but not as fun as painting.

Nick: Right. They seem quite different from each other. What do you normally paint?

Trang: Landscapes and animals, just for pleasure, you know. I sometimes share them with my friends.

Nick: Really? Um, maybe we should go to an art gallery next weekend?

Trang: Sounds good, but I'd prefer to go to the music festival at my school.

Nick: Well ... OK. That's fine.



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2 What are Trang and Nick talking about?

A. Playing the piano
B. Drawing and painting
C. Music and arts

3 Complete each of the sentences with a suitable word or phrase from the box.

photos	like	different from
art gallery		musical instruments

1. Nick wants to go to a(n) _____ next weekend.
2. You can use your smartphone to take _____.
3. This photo is very bright. It is _____ that dark one.
4. Nick and Trang agree that taking photos is not _____ painting.
5. My friend David is very talented. He plays three _____.







4 Write the correct word or phrase under each picture. Then listen and repeat. (23)

camera	water puppet show	art gallery
painting	musical instruments	paintbrush





1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____





4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

5 QUIZ How artistic are you? Take the quiz to find out.

1. Your hobby is _____.
   A. playing an instrument
   B. playing computer games
2. Do you like listening to music or playing sports?
   A. Listening to music.
   B. Playing sports.
3. Which of these do you prefer doing?
   A. Going to an art gallery.
   B. Going to a book fair.
4. You describe yourself as _____.
   A. creative B. hard-working
5. What do you want to be when you grow up?
   A. A musician. B. An engineer.

For each question, you get two points if your answer is A, zero if your answer is B. Add up your five answers and decide how artistic you are on a scale from 1 – 10.

Not very (1 – 4)
Somewhat (5 – 7)
Very (8 – 10)

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A CLOSER LOOK 1

Vocabulary

1 **Listen and repeat these words and phrases.** 124

art gallery	composer
concert hall	musician
actress	painter
artist	puppet theatre

Write them in the correct columns.

People	Places

2 **Match a word in A with a word or phrase in B.**

A	B
1. compose	a. a show
2. paint	b. a photo
3. perform	c. the guitar
4. play	d. a portrait
5. take	e. music

3 **Underline the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.**

1. The little girl's drawing / photography of her kitten shows a lot of talent.
2. Van Cao was a great Vietnamese scientist / composer. He was also a painter and poet.
3. The Louvre in Paris is the world's largest museum / puppet theater.
4. The orchestra will perform its final portrait / concert of the season tomorrow.
5. Did you see the film *Amazon Jungle* on TV last night? The photography / drawing was excellent.

Pronunciation

/ʃ/ and /ʒ/

4 **Listen and repeat. Pay attention to the sounds /ʃ/ and /ʒ/.** 125

/ʃ/	/ʒ/
musician	television
show	visual
share	unusual
nation	decision

5 **Listen and repeat. Listen again and single-underline the words with the sound /ʃ/ and double-underline the words with the sound /ʒ/.** 126

1. We finally came to a decision.
2. Did you watch the talent show on TV last night?
3. Let's share the pictures we took last week.
4. She often paints in her leisure time.
5. It was a pleasure to listen to the musicians performing yesterday.



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A CLOSER LOOK 2

Grammar

Comparisons: *like, different from, (not) as ... as*

Remember!

We use:

- *like* to show that something is similar to something else.

  Example: This picture is **like** the one I saw at the art museum.

- *different from* to show that two or more things are not similar.

  Example: Painting portraits is **different from** painting landscapes.

- *as + adjective + as* to show that two things are similar.

  not as + adjective + as to show that something is "more" or "less" than something else.

  Example: Classical music is not **as exciting as** rock.

1 **Write *like, as,* or *different* in the gaps.**

1. This camera is not as expensive _____ I thought at first.
2. Her room is lovely. It is _____ a princess's room.
3. You like folk songs; I like pop music. Your taste is _____ from mine.
4. My dad is not always as busy _____ my mum.
5. Some of us think that *Spiderman 2* is not too _____ from *Spiderman 1*.

2 **Finish the second sentence in each pair, using *like, as ... as,* or *different from.***

1. Rock is very exciting. It is not like country music.

→ Rock is very _____ country music.

2. Composer Hoang Long wrote many good songs for children. Composer Pham Tuyen also wrote many good songs for children.

→ Composer Hoang Long, _____ Pham Tuyen, wrote many good songs for children.

3. The Vatican Museum has excellent works of art. The Louvre Museum has excellent works of art too.

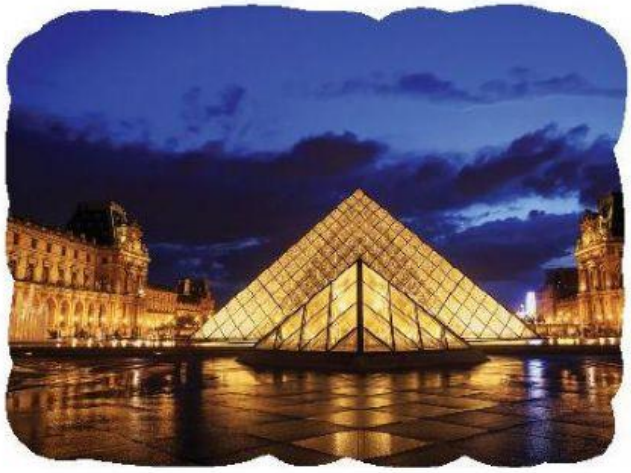
→ The Vatican Museum's works of art are _____ excellent _____ the Louvre Museum's works of art.

4. A vacation on the beach is relaxing, while a vacation in a big city may not be.

→ A vacation on the beach is _____ a vacation in a big city.

5. City life is busy, but country life is peaceful.

→ City life is not _____ peaceful _____ country life.



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3 **Work in pairs. Compare the two museums: *History* and *Science*, using *like*, *as ... as*, or *different from*.**

	History	Science
1. modern	**	***
2. friendly	***	***
3. interesting	***	**
4. expensive	**	**

Example:

1. *History* is not as modern as *Science*.

4 **Rewrite the sentences, using the words given at the beginning.**

Example:

A play is usually longer than a film.

→ A film is usually *not as long as a play*.

1. I think action films are more interesting than comedies.

→ I think comedies are not _____.

2. Our maths homework is more difficult than our history homework.

→ Our history homework is not _____.

3. This year's music contest is different from last year's.

→ This year's music contest is not _____.

4. The characters in the film are not the same as the ones in the play.

→ The characters in the film are _____.

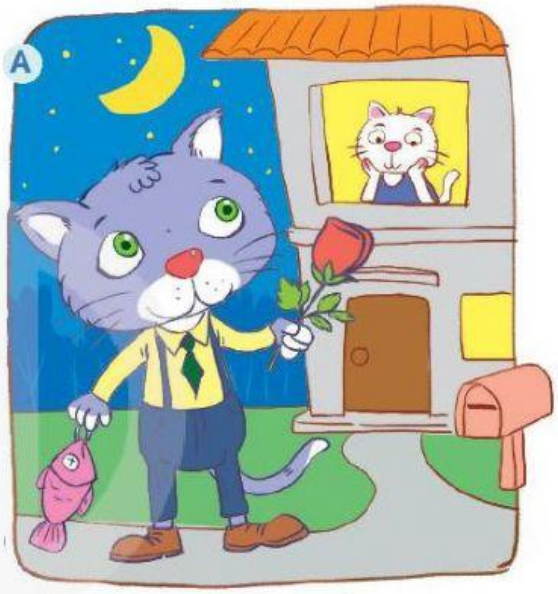
5. This picture is brighter than that picture.

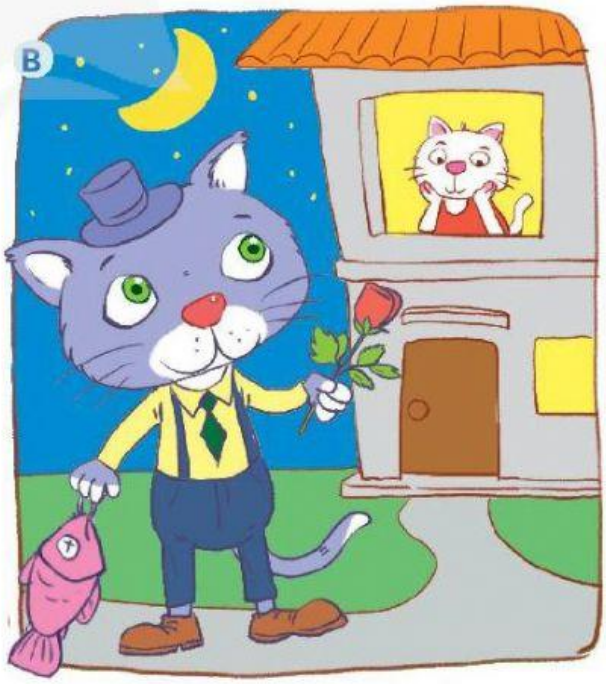
→ That picture is not _____.

5 **Work in groups. Look at the two pictures below. Compare them, using *like*, *as ... as*, or *different from*.**

Example:

- Picture A is *not like / different from* picture B.
- Picture A is not *as big as* picture B.





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SKILLS 1

Reading

1 **Look at the pictures. Discuss the questions below with a partner.**

What does each photo show?
Do you like it?





2 **Read the email and match the highlighted words with their meanings.**

1. showed or presented
2. following tradition
3. nice, interesting
4. event or celebration

New Message

To: sue@fastmail.com Cc Bcc

Subject: A water puppet show

Dear Sue,
How are things with you? I arrived in Viet Nam three days ago, and everything is perfect.

Yesterday I went to see a puppet show at a theatre in the centre of Ha Noi. The show was fantastic! The artists performed the show in a pool. They stood behind a screen. They used strings under the water to control the puppets and make them move on the water! The show was about rice farming and a festival in a village. People say that these shows are normally about everyday life in the countryside of Viet Nam. Water puppetry is a special traditional art form. People love it, and most tourists coming to Viet Nam love to see it.
I wish you were here with me.

See you next week.

Love,
Mary

3 **Read the email again and answer the questions.**

1. Who went to see a water puppet show yesterday?
2. Where did the water puppet show take place?
3. Who controlled the puppets?
4. What are water puppet shows normally about?
5. Is water puppetry a traditional Vietnamese art form?

Speaking

4 **Work in pairs. Ask and answer about Mark's school musical performance last year.**

Mark's school performance
Time: Sat. night
Duration: 3 hours
Place: schoolyard
Items performed: plays, dances, songs, magic, ...

Example:

A: When was the performance?

B: On Saturday night.

A: How long did it last?

B: It lasted three hours.

...

5 **Your school is going to have a musical performance to celebrate Teachers' Day.**

Work in groups. Make a plan for the performance and talk about the items you will contribute.

Your school performance
Time: _____
Duration: _____
Place: _____
Items contributed: _____

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Listening

1 **Discuss the question below with a partner.**

What do you know about street painting?



2 **Listen to a man talking about street painting and tick (✓) the words you hear.** 28

1. artists ☐ 2. music ☐ 3. painting ☐
4. enjoy ☐ 5. museum ☐

3 **Listen to the passage again and choose the correct answers.** 29

1. Street painting began _____.
   A. in the 16th century
   B. in the 6th century C. in 1994
2. At a street painting event, you can _____.
   A. buy a painting B. talk to artists
   C. become an artist
3. The Lake Worth Street Painting Festival happens _____.
   A. only sometimes B. every month
   C. every year
4. About _____ artists take part in the Lake Worth Street Painting Festival.
   A. 100,000 B. 600 C. 60

4 **Read the following letter and choose the correct answers.**

28 Pham Van Dong Rd. Ha Noi
Nov 15, 20...

Hey Jack,
Let's go to see the water puppet show this Saturday night at 8 p.m. At the show, you can see how artists control the puppets on water. I'm sure you'll like it. It's at 57B Dinh Tien Hoang St., Hoan Kiem Dist. How about meeting at 7:45 outside the theatre? Let me know if you can make it. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Best,
Chau

1. This letter is from Chau to _____.
   A. a friend B. a teacher
   C. an old man
2. Chau writes this letter to _____.
   A. order Jack to perform a show
   B. invite Jack to see a show
   C. make a complaint

Writing tip

In an informal letter of invitation, you can use:
- Let's ...
- How about + V-ing?

5 **Write a letter to invite someone to a street painting festival, using the following cues.**

- *Event:* Street Painting Festival
- *Start time:* 9 o'clock, Sunday morning
- *Place:* Central Rd.
- *Activities:* meeting street artists, drawing pictures on the street
- *Time to meet:* 8:45

_____
Nov 12, 20_____
Hi _____,
Let's _____
_____
Looking forward to seeing you there.
Best,
_____

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Vocabulary

1 **Write a word or phrase in each blank to go with the given verb.**

Example:

play: *the piano, the violin, the cello*

1. draw: _____, _____, _____
2. perform: _____, _____, _____
3. write: _____, _____, _____
4. watch: _____, _____, _____

2 **Fill in each gap with a word or phrase from the box to complete the passage.**

exhibition	art collections	
paintings	works of art	visitors

The Louvre Museum is the world's largest art museum. It is in Paris, France. It has one of the most impressive (1) _____ in history. The museum opened on 10 August 1793 with a(n) (2) _____ of 537 paintings. The Louvre Museum now contains more than 380,000 objects, and displays 35,000 (3) _____. It exhibits sculptures, objects of art, (4) _____, drawings, and other valuable works. It is the world's most visited museum. About 25,000 (5) _____ come to see it per day. Most of them are foreign tourists.

Grammar

3 **Complete the sentences, using the words in brackets. Add the necessary words.**

1. I think the Temple of Literature is as _____ Quan Thanh Temple. (old)
2. I don't like this film very much. It is _____ the original book. (different)
3. Some students say maths is _____ than music, but I don't think so. (important)
4. My grandma thinks modern life is _____ as life in the past. (not / good)
5. Learning to play the guitar is _____ I thought. (not / easy)

4 **Rewrite the sentences, using the given words.**

1. Playing video games is not as good as exercising. (better)

   _____.
2. Duong's father draws animals better than Duong. (well)

   _____
3. This painting is not as valuable as the Mona Lisa. (more)

   _____
4. David is more artistic than Nick. (not as)

   _____
5. The second version of the play is not different from the first. (like)

   _____

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