

Part 2

For questions 9–16, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only **one** word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

The Mini-Monet

Kieron Williamson is a very successful landscape painter. His paintings, (0) mostly depict the peaceful countryside around his home village in eastern England, sell very well. Perhaps this shouldn't (9) as that much of a surprise. It's a beautiful part of the world, and landscape paintings are always popular.

The strange thing about Kieron, however, (10) that he is only seven years old. At a recent exhibition of his work, all the paintings were sold in half an hour, some for £100,000 each. Kieron now has fans all over the world, and has gained the nickname 'the 'Mini-Monet'.

What's even (11) surprising is that Kieron doesn't come from an artistic family, and only started painting two years (12) He first got inspiration (13) some boats he saw on holiday at the seaside. Kieron asked his parents if they (14) buy him a sketch pad and pencils (15) that he could draw them. Only when they saw (16) well he drew did they realise that he was talented.