

Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Percy

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Look at the painting by artist David Hockney (1937 -).



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A) Describe the man and the woman

1. What do they look like?

2. What are they wearing?

3. What are they doing?

B) Listen to the audio guide. Focus on the people and things in the painting as they are mentioned.

C) Listen again and choose TRUE or FALSE.

1. Percy is the name of the cat.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Clark made clothes for famous people.
3. The painting shows their living room.
4. The painting is very small.
5. Celia is pregnant in the painting.
6. Ossie is putting his feet into the rug because he is cold.
7. The position of the couple in the painting is unusual.
8. The open window is a symbol of love between them.
9. The cat is a symbol of infidelity.
10. Celia and Ossie later got divorced.
11. Celia doesn't like the painting.
12. Ossie Clark died in 1995.

D) **Prepositions of place:** Look at some sentences that describe the painting. Complete them with a word or phrase from the list. Listen and check your answers.

In (x2) on (x2) under in front of behind between
next to on the right on the left in the middle

1. There are two people _____ the room.
2. The woman is standing _____, and the man is sitting _____.
3. _____ of the painting, _____ the man and the woman, there's an open window.
4. A white cat is sitting _____ the man.
5. There's a rug _____ the man's chair.
6. There's a telephone _____ the floor _____ the man's chair.
7. _____ the telephone there's a lamp.
8. _____ the woman there's a table, and a vase with flowers _____ it.

LISTENING

Listen to an advertisement for an art exhibition.

1. Where is the David Hockney exhibition?

2. What was the first picture he drew on his iPhone?

3. What does he do with his flower pictures?

4. When is the last day of the exhibitions?

5. How much does the exhibition cost?

Listen and read. Check your answers.

And now for the latest news in the art world. If you're in Paris this weekend, you might like to visit the new David Hockney exhibition called *Fresh Flowers*. As the name suggests, most of the pictures depict flowers. However, these are no ordinary flower pictures, because Hockney uses his iPhone or his iPad to draw them.

Hockney started painting on his iPhone during the winter of 2008. At the time, he was staying at his home in northern England where he has a beautiful view out of his bedroom window. One morning, he picked up his iPhone and used his fingers to paint the sunrise. He was very happy with the result, and started experimenting with other pictures. Now, he sends his friends a different flower picture every morning. They love it!

Fresh Flowers is at the Fondation Pierre Bergé, Yves Saint Laurent in Paris until January 30th. The exhibition shows the drawings Hockney made on an iPhone and the pictures he drew on an iPad. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday, and admission costs five euros. Don't miss this show; it will be a bright moment in your day.