

VINCENT VAN GOGH

Vincent Villem Van Gogh was born on 30th March 1853. He was a Dutch post-impressionist¹ artist, one of the most famous painters in the history of Art.

In about ten years, he created about 2,100 artworks, including around 860 oil paintings. He did most of them in the last two years of his life. Their characteristic is bold² colours and the dramatic way the artist used his paintbrush.

Van Gogh was not successful while he lived and his suicide³ when he was 37 years old came after years of being mentally ill⁴ and poor.

Today, Van Gogh's works are among the most expensive in the world. There is also a museum in his name, the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, where you can see the world's largest collection of his paintings and drawings.

[adapted from Wikipedia]

Choose the answer that completes the sentence correctly.

- 1) Van Gogh was from Denmark / the Netherlands.
- 2) He was a painter / musician.
- 3) Few / a lot of people think his art is great now.
- 4) He made around 2,100 / 860 paintings using oil colours.
- 5) He painted most of his art before / after 1888.
- 6) His paintings have lots of bright / soft colours.
- 7) He made lots of / little money selling his paintings.
- 8) He had few / many problems while he lived.
- 9) He died in 1890 / 1892.
- 10) People thought he was a great / horrible painter while he was alive.

¹ Μεταϊμπρεσιονιστής. Ο μεταϊμπρεσιονισμός ήταν καλλιτεχνικό ρεύμα που αναπτύχθηκε γύρω στα τέλη του 19^{ου} αιώνα αμέσως μετά το κίνημα του ιμπρεσιονισμού, του οποίου είναι κατά κάποιον τρόπο προέκταση, ακολουθώντας τις ίδιες τεχνικές αλλά επιδιώκοντας να δώσουν μεγαλύτερο συναίσθημα πιο στην τέχνη.

² Τολμηρός, έντονος.

³ αυτοκτονία.

⁴ ψυχικά ασθενής