



1 What can you see in the pictures? What connection do they have to Leonardo da Vinci?

2 Watch the film. What does the documentary say about the following?

- 1 Leonardo's notes and drawings
- 2 His ideas
- 3 Leonardo, the man

3 a Complete the text with information from the documentary.

Our journey of discovery to understand the mind of one of the most remarkable figures who ever lived begins not in Italy, but here in (1) _____.

Here within the royal collection, are hundreds of Leonardo's (2) _____. For centuries these incredible papers were scattered and feared lost. But their miraculous rediscovery makes it possible to unravel the mystery of Leonardo da Vinci. They tell the story of one of the great geniuses of Western civilisation – a man, way ahead of his time, who set out on a journey of discovery to understand (3) _____.

Hundreds of years before (4) _____ caught up with him, Leonardo dreamed and planned how man might (5) _____, or walk on the bottom of the ocean. His drawings reveal how he designed great machines for (6) _____. He made the first detailed studies of the (7) _____. He investigated how our eyes see. And all this time he was creating some of the (8) _____ the world has ever seen.

But like the smile of his (9) _____, Leonardo the man has always seemed something of a mystery. His notes have an air of secrecy about them. His comments and thoughts in the margins are (10) _____, in writing that can only be read in a mirror. And the information he gives us is often fragmentary and oblique.

b Watch again to check your answers.

4 Discuss.

- 1 Did you enjoy the documentary?
- 2 What do you think of Leonardo's work?
- 3 Do you admire any other artists/scientists in particular? Why?