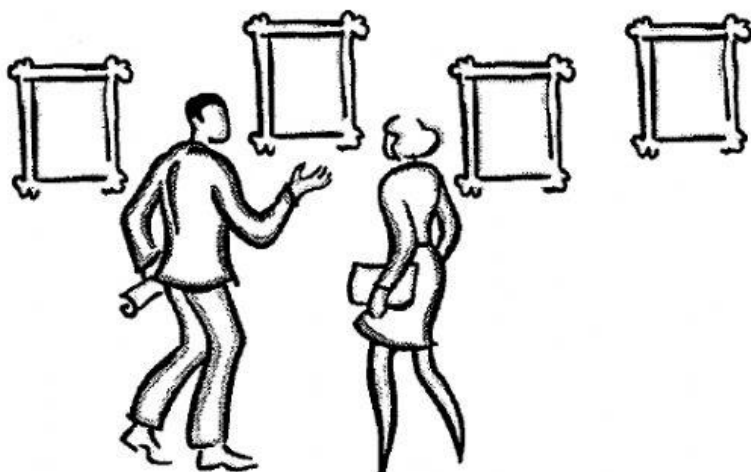


1 Match the words with their definitions.

- 1 an exhibit
- 2 an exponent
- 3 an exposition
- 4 an item
- 5 to contain
- 6 to display
- 7 to hold
- 8 to include
- 9 to offer
- 10 to be available



- a) to show paintings, historical objects, etc. in a public place
- b) to have something as a part
- c) is able to be used easily
- d) to keep something to be used when it is needed
- e) a single thing, especially part of a list, group or set
- f) an important event at which paintings are shown
- g) a painting that you put in a public place so that people can go to see it
- h) someone whose work or methods provide a good example of a particular skill, trend or activity
- i) to provide something that people need or want
- j) to make something part of a larger group or set

② Complete the text with the words from the box.



impressionist,
exposition,
outstanding,
brilliant,
includes,
devoted,
displayed,
containing,
illustrates,
exhibits,
distinguished

THE HERMITAGE

The State Hermitage in St Petersburg is one of the world's most _____ art museums. It is the largest fine arts museums in Russia. World famous _____ of West-European paintings is _____ here. It covers a span of about seven hundred years, from the 13th to the 20th century, and contains _____ of works by Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, El Greco, Velasquez, Murillo; _____ paintings by Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Rubens; a remarkable group of impressionist paintings. The collection _____ the art of Italy, Spain, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, France, Britain, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and some other countries. The West-European Department also _____ a fine collection of European sculpture, _____ works by Michelangelo, Canova, Falconet, Rodin and many other _____ masters. The Hermitage, together with the Pushkin Fine Arts Museum in Moscow, can be ranked among the richest galleries in the world in respect of _____ art.

In addition to the works of Western (11) _____, the Hermitage has sections (12) _____ to the arts of India, China, Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Pre-Columbian America, Greece and Rome, as well as a department of prehistoric art, not to mention an (13) _____ devoted to Scythian art. People come to admire the collections of tapestry, textiles, weapons, pottery and furniture as well.