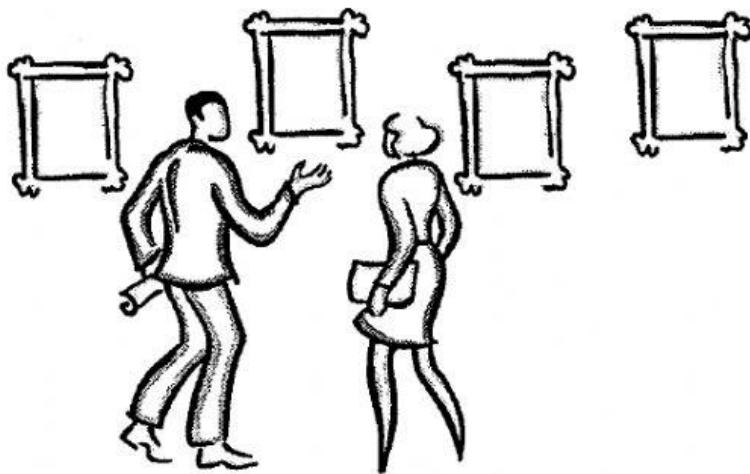


1 **Match the words with their definitions.**

- 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.