

A Art and artists



sculpture



portrait



landscape



still life



paintbrushes

Art galleries such as *The Louvre* have a huge **collection** of **works of art**, including **sculptures** and paintings, and sometimes hold special **exhibitions** of paintings by a particular **artist**, or from a particular **period**. These might be **portraits**, **landscapes** or **still lifes**, and in different styles, e.g. some **abstract**, some more realistic. Artists also use a **range** of **techniques** – painting with oil paints or other kinds of paint and using various types of **paintbrushes**, drawing, using computer images, etc. – to create different **effects**.

GLOSSARY

collection	a group of similar things that sb has brought together. A person who does this as a hobby or a job is a collector .
work of art	a painting, a statue, etc. of a very high quality
exhibition	a collection of paintings, objects, etc. that are shown in public: <i>The gallery is holding an exhibition of portraits by Rembrandt.</i> exhibit v
artist	sb who produces art (paintings, drawings, etc.)
period	a particular amount of time in history
abstract	(of art) not showing people or things as they really are; expressing an idea
range	different things of the same kind
technique	a particular way of doing sth, often needing special skills
effect	a result or a change that happens because of sth

1 Underline the main stress in these words. Use the to help you. Practise saying the words.

▶ effect

1 collection

4 period

7 portrait

10 sculpture

2 abstract

5 paintbrush

8 exhibit

11 technique

3 artist

6 landscape

9 collector

12 exhibition

2 Complete the sentences.

▶ Somebody who produces paintings is an artist.

1 A painting of a person is a _____.

6 A person who buys lots of paintings is a _____.

2 A painting of the countryside is a _____.

7 A very good painting is often called a _____.

3 A painting of fruit, flowers or objects is a _____.

8 Artists often use a _____ and oil paints.

4 The wood or metal around a painting is the _____.

9 A painting that is not realistic in style is described as _____.

5 A number of paintings shown in public is an _____.

10 A particular way of doing something, often needing special skills, is a _____.

3 Complete the words in the text.

Pablo Picasso is a great ▶ artist who produced paintings and (1) s _____ in a (2) r _____ of different styles and over a very long (3) p _____. In his early work, his paintings were more realistic and easier to understand. For example, there is a wonderful (4) p _____ of his mother that he painted when he was only 15. He also painted (5) l _____ in that period. Throughout his life he produced many (6) s _____ life paintings, which became more (7) a _____ as he experimented with different styles and (8) t _____. Many people believe that his greatest (9) w _____ of art was *Guernica*, which he painted during the Spanish Civil War. It is a huge painting, which contains very powerful images and symbols of war, and it has had an enormous (10) e _____ on people around the world. In the past, the painting was (11) e _____ in various countries, but it returned to Spain in 1981, and is now part of a permanent (12) c _____ in the Museo Reina Sofia in Madrid.



TEST YOURSELF

B Reactions to art



I **remember** seeing an exhibition of photographs a few years ago about the way war has affected my city, Bath. It was very **powerful** and made me more aware of the **reality** of war – the **images** of **destruction** were of places I know well. One of the photographs **moved me to tears**.



A painting that **cheers me up** is *Sunflowers* by Vincent Van Gogh. The flower is a **symbol** of **happiness**, and it was painted at a time when Van Gogh was feeling **optimistic** about the future. He painted the flowers many times, but one of the **original** paintings is in the National Gallery in London where I often go and look at it.

SPOTLIGHT *remember doing something and remember to do something*

If you **remember doing something**, you have an image in your memory of something that happened in the past. If you **remember to do something**, you do something that you have to do and don't forget about it.

- I **remember reading** the book about ten years ago.
- I must **remember to read** Jonah's email when I get home.

GLOSSARY

reaction (to sb/sth)	sth that you do or say because of sth that has happened react (to sb/sth) v
powerful	having a strong effect on your mind or body
reality	1 a thing that is actually experienced, not just imagined 2 the way life really is, not the way it may appear to be or you would like it to be
image	a picture or description that appears in a book, film or painting
destruction	the act of damaging sth so badly that it can no longer be used or no longer exists destroy v
move	cause sb to have strong feelings, especially of sadness move sb to tears made sb cry
cheer (sb) up	become happier, or make sb happier
symbol (of sth)	a person, sign, object, etc. which represents sth
happiness	the feeling of being happy
optimistic	expecting good things to happen or sth to be successful
original	painted, written, etc. by the artist rather than copied original n

4 Match 1–7 with a–h.

- ▶ War causes terrible
- 1 The rose is a
- 2 Did you remember
- 3 Da Vinci's drawings had a powerful
- 4 The painting of the children moved me
- 5 Do you remember
- 6 I'm beginning to accept
- 7 The bright colours in the painting

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- a to tears.
- b going to the Walker Gallery last year?
- c the reality of his illness.
- d symbol of love.
- e to buy the tickets this morning?
- f destruction. ✓
- g cheered me up.
- h effect on me.

5 Complete the dialogues.

- ▶ Was there a lot of damage in the gallery fire?
- 1 Did the exhibition have an effect on you?
- 2 Was that a real Picasso or a copy?
- 3 *The Death of Marat* is very a powerful painting.
- 4 Are you feeling positive about the future?
- 5 Do you know Analisa's sister?
- 6 Did the portrait express sadness?
- 7 Did you accuse the man of stealing?
- 8 Was the flood very serious?

- ~ Yes, a lot of paintings were destroyed.
- ~ Yes, it really _____ me.
- ~ It was an _____ painting and worth a lot.
- ~ Yes, it's a strong _____ of death.
- ~ Yes, I'm _____ that things will get better.
- ~ Yes, I _____ meeting her a few years ago.
- ~ No, not at all – in fact, it expressed great _____.
- ~ Yes, he _____ very badly and shouted at me.
- ~ Yes, it caused the _____ of the main bridge.

6 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or tell another student.

- ▶ Is there a painting that brings you happiness? If so, which one? Yes, a painting of a dog. It looks so happy.
- 1 Is there a painting that moves you to tears? Which one, and why? _____
- 2 What is your reaction to abstract art? _____
- 3 Are there any paintings or artists that cheer you up? Which ones? _____
- 4 Have you got any original paintings? If so, what are they? _____



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