

Vocabulary

Describing art

1a Choose the correct alternatives.

Snowdog Art Trails

Snowdog sculptures are individually painted by famous and unknown artists. That means that each snowdog is different and ¹*original/ugly* even though they share a common theme and are based on the story of The Snowman and the Snowdog. Many of the snowdogs are painted in bright colours, making them very ²*old-fashioned/colourful* and ³*cheerful/realistic*. Other snowdogs are more ⁴*realistic/spectacular* and look like real dogs.

Each snowdog is unique and even if you don't like art, it is ⁵*weird/fascinating* to read about the story behind each sculpture. Each story is different and often has a ⁶*unoriginal/powerful* message.

The sculptures are placed around cities at different points and you can buy a map and follow the route, discovering new snowdogs on the way. It's a really ⁷*creative/awful* way to bring art to the public, and lots of people love it.



b Complete the sentences using the pairs of words in the box.

creative/weird colourful/cheerful ugly/awful
old-fashioned/traditional realistic/original

- Maybe I'm *old fashioned*, but I prefer *traditional* art. I just don't like modern art much.
- She says it's _____, but I just think it's _____. I don't understand what it is.
- Her painting of the horse was very _____ – it looked like a real one. It wasn't exactly _____, though – I've seen hundreds of paintings like that.
- It's such a _____ piece, lots of reds, blues and yellows. I look at it when I'm sad, because it's such a _____ image.
- We didn't like her new one. My friend said it was _____, and I just thought it was really _____.

Grammar

Short responses with *so, neither/nor, too/either*

2 Complete the conversations with the phrases in the boxes.

Me neither Me too So have I

- A: Have you seen his new film? It was terrible. I didn't like it at all.
 B: ¹_____. I actually left the cinema before it had finished. If I'd known it was so bad, I wouldn't have gone to see it! I was quite surprised though, I love that actor.
 A: ²_____. He usually picks really good roles. I've seen every other film he's been in!
 B: ³_____!

I didn't either I do too Nor do I

- A: How's work? Have you finished the project?
 B: No. Things are so busy at the moment. I'm always at work. I don't have time to relax, even at the weekends!
 A: ⁴_____. I always have something to do. I really need a holiday.
 B: ⁵_____. It's been ages since I had one. I didn't even go on holiday last summer!
 A: ⁶_____! Things need to change.

Neither have I So are we

- A: Would you believe that I've never been to an art exhibition?
 B: ⁷_____! Why don't we go to the exhibition in the Modern Art Museum next week?
 A: Next week? I can't. My husband and I have to go to a birthday party. We're so busy at the moment.
 B: ⁸_____. Another time then.

3 Complete the responses.

- I'm not interested in modern art.
Neither _____ I.
- I think this place is really boring.
So _____ I.
- I didn't go to work on Tuesday.
Me _____.
- I think his paintings are awful and unoriginal.
I _____. I think they're great.
- I've never been to Buenos Aires.
I _____. I went last year.
- I'm really creative. I love painting and drawing.
Me _____. I love spending the afternoon drawing.
- I didn't like his last novel.
Neither _____ I.
- I've wanted to see his art exhibition for ages.
So _____ I.