

Artist's name: Ben Heine
Art form: painting, illustration and photography

- 1 He is Belgian and he lives and works in Brussels. He started drawing when he was 11. He's an artist and a music producer.
- 2 He studied at art college in the UK and he taught himself photography. He has also taught himself how to play the drums and the piano, and he has learned how to speak French, English, Russian and other languages.
- 3 In 2010, he invented a new art form which uses illustration and photography. He adds drawings to photos to make them come alive. This artwork has been so popular that art teachers around the world have used it to teach their students how to be creative.
- 4 He has created a range of paintings which use paintings and real-life models. Ben paints a model the same colours as the painting. Then the model stands in front of the painting so they look 'invisible'.
- 5 Ben's artwork has appeared in exhibitions and galleries in Africa, Asia, Europe and the USA. You can see his work all over the world.

Make a profile of an artist

PLAN

5 Work in pairs. Choose an artist you like.

- Find information about the artist. Use the tips from Exercise 4.
- Make notes like the ones in Exercise 2.
- Find pictures of their artwork.
- Decide who will write the different parts of the profile.
- Write your part then give it to your partner to check.
- Work with your partner to put together the information and pictures.
- Write two questions for your classmates to answer about your profile.

PRESENT

6 Present your profile to the class. Remember to include interesting facts, pictures and to use your own words.

CHECK

7 Look at your classmates' profiles. Do they include all the information from Exercise 2? Which artist is your favourite?