Beautiful things!

Metals

Many metals are used to make beautiful jewellery, but shiny yellow gold is one of the most popular. 24-carat gold has no other metal in it and it isn't changed by time. It is soft, so it is usually mixed with other metals to make it harder. These metals also change its colour, so you get yellow, white or 'rose' (pink) gold.





Silver, the soft white metal, is also used in jewellery. Other beautiful things, including coins, vases, cups, knives and spoons, are made of gold and silver. In museums around the world, visitors can see wonderful gold and silver objects. Many of these were made for emperors, kings and queens.





Glass

Glass, this transparent man-made material, is used to make thousands of everyday objects such as drinking glasses, glasses for our eyes and mirrors. These simple objects are useful – and some are also beautiful. Other glass objects are not so simple, but they are very beautiful. The glassmakers of Murano in Venice, for example, are famous for making wonderful glass objects, including vases, bowls and lamps.

In the past, coloured glass was used to make fantastic stained-glass windows. Glass is still used by architects today. There are even fountains made of glass!







1 Read the text quickly and circle the correct word.

1 The text talks about *two / three* different metals.
2 The text says some glass objects *are / aren't* simple and beautiful.

2 Read the text again. Circle T (true), F (false) or DS (doesn't say).

1	Gold and silver are the best metals for jewellery.	T / F / (DS)
2	Time changes 24-carat gold.	T / F / DS
3	'Rose' gold is gold mixed with another metal.	T / F / DS
4	Silver is softer than gold.	T / F / DS
5	Glass is only used to make simple, everyday objects.	T / F / DS
6	Murano is well known for its beautiful glass objects.	T / F / DS
7	Stained glass was invented in the past.	T / F / DS

3 Complete the email with the words in the box.

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From: Valerie Jenkins, President
To: The members of Middleton School Art Club
Subject: Art Club Equipment



Hi!
I'd like to ask you all to [1]*create* unusual objects for an [2]_____ at the end of term. We hope to sell the objects and [3]_____ £300 to buy equipment for the Art Club. There are some great ideas on the Internet. For example, some people use wool to [4]_____ covers for [5]_____ cups and mobile phones. They even make covers for trees and cars! As you can see, these covers are very [6]_____! It will be great if we can think of other clever ideas like this one!
Valerie

4 Look at the photo of an object at the Middleton School Art Club exhibition. Read the information. In your notebook, write a short text about it. You can use the questions to help you.

- What is it?
- What is it made of?
- Who was it made by?
- How much does it cost?



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