

A) Fill in the blanks with the correct word or phrase from the following list. Be mindful of meaning, collocations, and context.

Word bank: playwright, curtain call, know no bounds, lousy, by leaps and bounds, ruthlessness, understudy, backtrack, jaded, playact, mediocrity

The Ever-Evolving World of the Arts

For those with an undying passion for creativity, the arts (1)_____ . From the masterpieces of the Renaissance to avant-garde installations in contemporary galleries, artistic expression has flourished across centuries. However, not every work is groundbreaking—some succumb to (2)_____ , failing to leave a lasting impression.



Critics, of course, are notoriously sharp-tongued. A (3)_____ performance or an uninspired script can be mercilessly torn apart in reviews. In such a competitive field, (4)_____ is often necessary to rise to the top, as the industry seldom rewards those who hesitate.

Yet, even the most devoted artists can become (5)_____ over time, struggling to find inspiration after years in the spotlight. Still, innovation continues (6)_____ , with technology reshaping how we experience theatre, film, and music.

For actors, the ultimate moment of recognition comes during the (7)_____ , when the audience's applause confirms their success. Yet, not all who take the stage are the stars—many begin as an (8)_____ , stepping in when the lead is unable to perform. Some actors, however, go beyond their roles and (9)_____ in everyday life, blurring the line between reality and fiction.

Writers, too, face their challenges. A (10)_____ may spend years perfecting a script, only to be forced to (11)_____ due to criticism or changing trends. In the end, the arts remain a relentless pursuit—one that demands resilience, reinvention, and, above all, passion.

B) Vocabulary in context. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined words in the text.

1. Avant-grade
2. Ground-breaking
3. Succumb to
4. Torn apart
5. Blur the line
6. Relentless

