Think and learn

1 **Read and match.**

pieces of glass and stone　　mosaic　　surface







A mosaic is a special kind of art where a surface is covered by small pieces of coloured glass or stone. The pieces – or 'tiles' – are placed carefully and stuck together tightly. They can make amazing designs and pictures.

2 **Look and read. Write *t* (true), *f* (false) or *ds* (doesn't say).**

MOSAICS fascinating facts!

Mosaics have been found from many different times and in many different countries.



- Some of the earliest known mosaics are from Western Asia. They are over 4,000 years old.
- The two biggest mosaic museums in the world are in Turkey.
- Mosaics were very popular in Roman times. They were strong, easy to clean and waterproof, so the Romans often used them on the floors of big buildings.
- One of the most famous mosaic artists in the 20th century was Antoni Gaudi, from Barcelona in Spain. His mosaics can be seen all over the city – on houses, big buildings and in parks. Mosaic souvenirs are very popular in Barcelona!
- The biggest mosaic in the world today is on a wall in Hanoi, Vietnam. It is around 6.5 km long. It is made of stone tiles from a local village.
- A French street artist, known as Invader, has become famous for his mosaics on walls in cities all over the world. They show characters from 1970s video games!







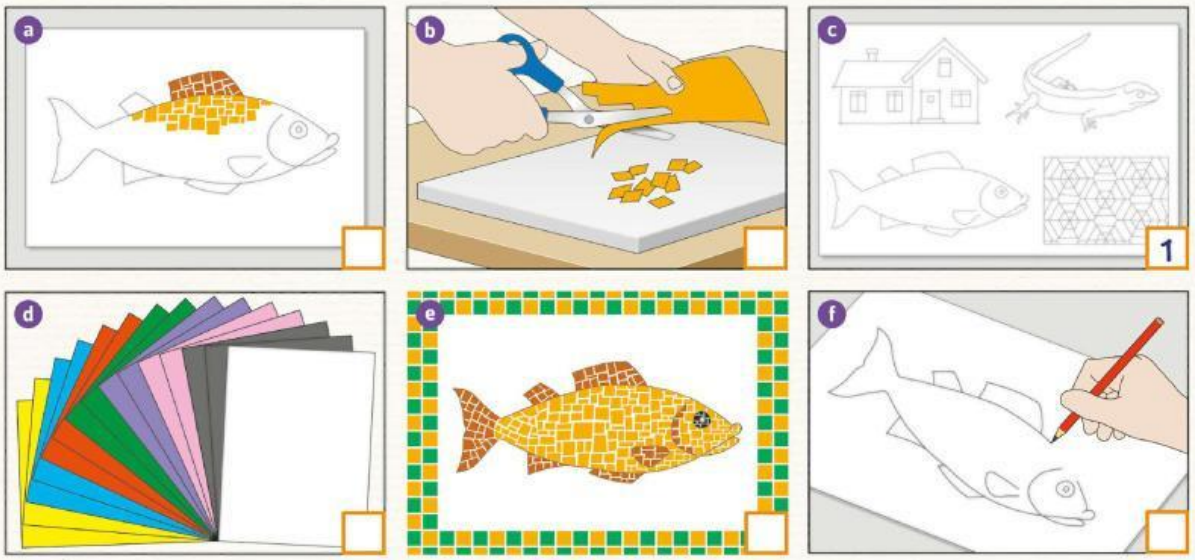
1 You can see mosaics all over Istanbul. ds
2 The biggest mosaic in the world today is in Turkey. _____
3 In Roman times, mosaics were very useful. _____
4 You have to go to a museum to see Gaudi's mosaics. _____
5 The mosaic in Vietnam is made of materials from near Hanoi. _____
6 You can see Invader's work in Paris. _____

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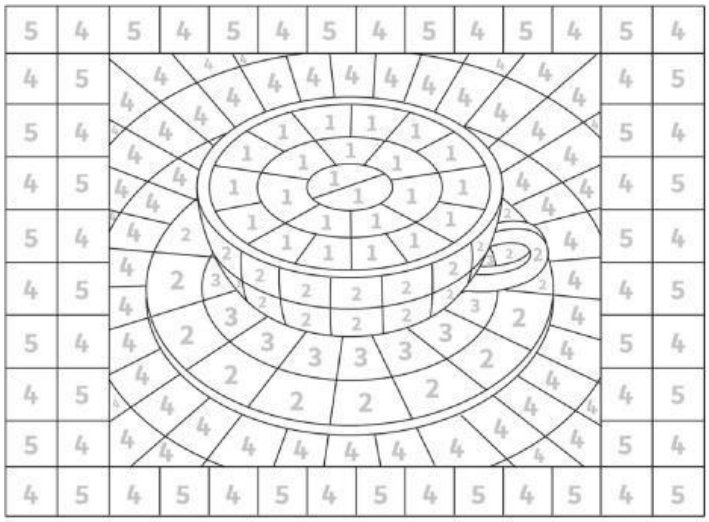
3 **Look, read and number the pictures.**

Although traditional mosaics are made with glass or stone tiles, you can make your own using paper. Just follow these simple steps:

1. Draw some ideas for your design.
2. Choose your favourite design and copy it onto a piece of white card.
3. Take some sheets of paper in different colours.
4. Cut the paper into small pieces to make your 'tiles'.
5. Stick your paper 'tiles' onto your design. Leave a little white space between the 'tiles'.
6. You have a finished mosaic!



4 **Look. What do you think the mosaic will show?**



5 **Colour and check. Was your prediction right?**

6 Project **Follow the instructions in Activity 3 to make your own paper mosaic.**

Key

1 brown	4 red
2 blue	5 yellow
3 grey	

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