

PRACTICE 1

You are going to read an article about sculpture art. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences A to F the one which fits each gap (1 to 6). There are two extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Sculpture Art

Sculpture art has been a popular art form for thousands of years. Working in three dimensions, sculptors throughout history have shaped marble, bronze, wood and other materials into incredible forms.

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The skill that goes into creating a worthwhile piece of art is incredible, and a single piece can take years for an artist to create. Ancient sculptures are primarily made of stone, hence there's a much greater chance of them surviving than a painting or drawing. 2

Throughout history, stone has been the principal material of sculpture. There are practical reasons for this. Stone is highly resistant to the weather, making it suitable for external use. 3 It has a fairly homogeneous texture and a uniform hardness, making it suitable for carving. In modern times, any material that can be shaped in three dimensions can be used sculpturally. Carved in limestone, cast in bronze or covered in marble, dripping with gold or made from plants, modern sculptures take odd shapes and can be made from absolutely any material imaginable.

4 Once used to commemorate famous people, a modern sculpture is not only a way for an artist to showcase his skill and provide a memento of certain events or people, but also a channel to present an idea.

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These days, almost every city has its own creative sculptures or statues, usually tucked along streets or city squares. 6 These three-dimensional pieces of art are mind-blowing not just because of the materials that have been used, but because they leave an indelible mark on our memory.

As we reflect on the meaning of each visual piece of modern sculpture, it can be enlightening, disturbing or inspiring. This unconventional language that communicates non-verbally with the heart and the mind challenges us to think a little bit deeper about the society and world we live in.

A	This means we still have evidence of sculptures that were made over 2,000 years ago!
B	Sculpture art has evolved throughout the centuries.
C	When you stop to consider famous sculptures through history, the list is endless.
D	And from our earliest times, sculptures have been an important way to understand culture and society.
E	More often than not, a modern sculpture might not even represent an object or a living being.
F	Some of them are pretty ordinary, but others can be extremely eye-catching and thought-provoking.
G	These include the armless beauty of Venus de Milo and the great army of terracotta warriors built to protect the Chinese Emperor.
H	Furthermore, stone is available in all parts of the world and can be obtained in large blocks.