

Best Sculpture

Dad stopped and gazed at the wall. "Now, I like this piece of sculpture most of all."

"It's just a boring, plastic box," said Shane. "No way is this art."

Dad shook his head. "It's an installation, Shane. Sometimes art is better if it's simple. I like the pale color. I like the shape. It's great."

Shane shook his head. "It's nothing special."

Just then a security guard squeezed in front of them.

"Excuse me," she said. "I just need to turn on a few lights so people can see a bit better." The guard leaned over and pressed the plastic box. The lights in the room came on.

"What was that you were saying, Dad?" said Shane with a grin.

**A Read and choose.**

- 1 What does Dad like about the sculpture?
a. the color and shape b. the shape and size c. the size and color
- 2 What is Shane's opinion of the sculpture?
a. It's great. b. It's nothing special. c. It's interesting.
- 3 What is the plastic box?
a. an installation b. a sculpture c. a light switch
- 4 How do you think Dad feels at the end of the story?
a. embarrassed b. sad c. happy
- 5 Where is this story set?
a. a library b. a store c. an art gallery
- 6 In the story, what is another word for gazed?
a. stared b. smiled