

ENGLISH III

LISTENING PRACTICE ABOUT ART



Conversation 1. At The Gallery 2. Two friends explore an art exhibition and share their thoughts about the paintings. Press Click on the green icon below this statement to play the audio or video.



1. What is the artist's name?

- a. Clara Jones
- b. Mary Smith
- c. Clara Smith

2. What does the painting show?

- a. people
- b. flowers
- c. mountains

3. What do they want to do after the gallery?

- a. go shopping
- b. get a coffee
- c. go home

4. What do they want to buy?

- a. a print

- b. a painting
- c. a book

5. What artists are in the next gallery?

- a. Spanish artists
- b. Italian artists
- c. French artists

6. How does Kevin describe the first painting?

- a. beautiful
- b. incredible
- c. interesting

Conversation 2. You will hear a woman talking about the great painter Vincent van Gogh. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer, and for question 9 write your own answer. Click on the green icon below this statement to play the audio or video.



1 .He was born in _____

- a. 1833
- b. 1853
- c. 1863
- d. 1890

2 .He was _____

- a. French
- b. British
- c. Dutch
- d. Italian

3 .Van Gogh began to draw _____

- a. In his late 20s
- b. When he was young

- c. When he was old
- d. In 1853

4. He drew his best painting _____

- a. When he was 37
- b. In the last two years of his life
- c. When he was young
- d. In his 20s

5. He died aged _____

- a. 45
- b. 37
- c. 47
- d. 90

6. While he was alive, people loved his paintings _____

- a. True
- b. False
- c. It doesn't say

7. While he was in France, he drew with _____

- a. Dark colours
- b. Yellow
- c. Bright colours
- d. Black

8. Thanks to him _____ was invented

- a. Impressionism
- b. Cubism
- c. Expressionism
- d. Pointillism

Conversation 3. Listen to David and Carol talking about a modern art exhibition. Choose the best answer for the questions below.

1. What is Carol's reaction to David's opinion that modern art looks like it has been done by children?

- a. She can understand why he thinks that.
- b. She disagrees totally.
- c. She accuses him of not understanding modern art.

2. What did Carol like about the picture of the tree?

- a. That is was so big.
- b. It reminded her of winter.
- c. The way the artist represented the tree.

3. What did Carol say about the second picture?

- a. It was large.
- b. It was her favourite painting.
- c. It had a lot of strange colours.

4. Which of these statements is **not true of the last painting that Carol describes?**

- a. She saw it near the end of the art gallery visit.
- b. She also liked the frame on the picture.
- c. It reminded her of her childhood.
- d. She spent a long time looking at it.

5. What suggestion does Carol make to David at the end of their conversation?

- a. To buy a painting if he sees something he likes.
- b. To attend the exhibition with someone who couldn't go with Carol today.
- c. To go with their aunt, who is in town this week.