

Speaking Preparation

ACTIVITY 3 (a). Read the text from **ACTIVITY 2 (a)** again. Find information about different **forms of art** in China. Write short answers to complete the table below.

Example:

Form of Art	What is it made of?	Temporary or Permanent?	Two Special Features	Where can you see it?
1. water calligraphy	water	temporary	1. disappears quickly 2. old people practice it	Beihai Park, Beijing

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ice sculptures	1. 2.
sand paintings	1. 2.
terracotta statues	1. 2.
landscape paintings	1. 2.

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ACTIVITY 3 (b). Work in pairs. Imagine you are a travel blogger. Choose **ONE** form of Chinese art from the text in **ACTIVITY 2 (a)**. **Present** it to your partner **in 3-5 minutes following the plan** below:

- ❖ Where you saw it (name the place or the city)
- ❖ What it is made of (name the material)
- ❖ Whether it is temporary or permanent (explain why)
- ❖ What special meaning or features does this form of art have? (name at least two)
- ❖ Why did you choose this form of art? What are your impressions about it? What feature do you remember most about this form and why?

Your notes from the table in **ACTIVITY 3 (a)** **may help you**. Your **partner listens** and **asks** follow up **questions**.

Example:

I'd like to talk about **graffiti**. **I saw it** in Berlin, in Germany, on the walls of buildings and under bridges. There are many colourful paintings in the streets.

Graffiti **is made of** spray paint, so it is usually **temporary**. It can disappear because it is often removed or painted over by other artists.

This form of art has several **special features**. First, it is often very colourful and creative. Second, it can express strong messages or opinions, for example about politics or society. Also, it is usually found in public places, so everyone can see it.

I chose this form of art because I think it is modern and expressive. Graffiti can be both beautiful and controversial. **The feature I remember most** is the bright colours, because they make the city look alive.