

Meet Van Gogh

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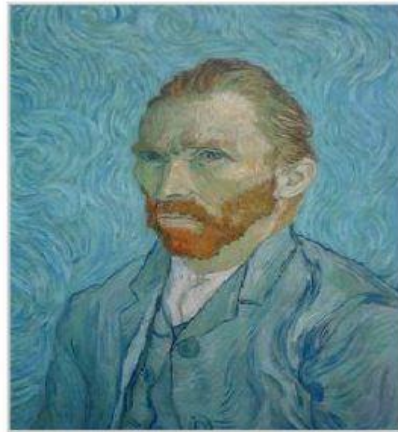
- Listen to the video, pay attention if you hear the following words:
Dutch, Netherlands, painter, artist.

Meet Van Gogh

Vincent Van Gogh
was born in the Netherlands in 1853.
Van Gogh was Dutch.

He started to work when he was 15.
Van Gogh tried
a lot of jobs.

He worked as
an art dealer,
a teacher, a bookseller
before he became an artist.



In Paris

Van Gogh had one brother. His name was Theo.
Theo was an art dealer in Paris.
He tried to help Van Gogh to sell his paintings.
But Van Gogh's paintings were darker than the art

that was popular in Paris at the time.
People didn't understand his art and they didn't buy his pictures.
Van Gogh had no money, no food, no friends.

In 1886 Van Gogh moved to Paris.

In Paris van Gogh met many famous painters.
Paul Gauguin was one of them. Gauguin was a French painter.
Van Gogh and Paul Gauguin became friends and started to live together.
They lived in the Yellow House in the southern France for two months .
One day Gauguin left and Van Gogh was very angry, so he cut off his ear.
Van Gogh was mentally ill and was in the hospital for a long time.

Van Gogh's Brother

van Gogh and his brother, Theo, were very close.

Van Gogh and Theo wrote many letters to each other.

Van Gogh wrote over 700 letters to his brother.

These letters helped people to learn about him ,his feelings and his life.

Theo cared about his brother very much.
He sent Van Gogh money and new paints.

When van Gogh became ill,
Theo found the best doctors for him.



Flowers

Van Gogh liked to paint flowers and nature.



Starry Night



Night

Van Gogh painted
over 200 pictures
in the hospital, including
Starry Night .

His painting, *Starry Night*
became very famous.
But he didn't think it
was a good painting.

A year earlier he had painted
another starry sky picture,
Starry Night Over the Rhone .

Today *Starry Night* ,
is one of Van Gogh's most famous
paintings.

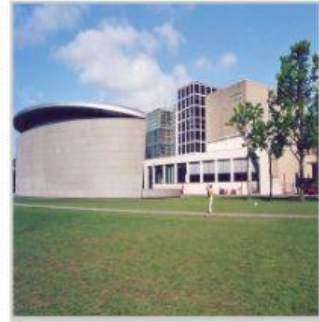
Van Gogh Museum

His life ended sadly in 1890.
He died at the age of 37.
Van Gogh killed himself.

Van Gogh sold only one painting in his life.
He died a poor, lonely artist.
Now, 100 years later his paintings cost millions of dollars.

Today people around the world can see his paintings
in the museums.

The biggest Van Gogh Museum is in Holland,
the country where Van Gogh was born.



Vocabulary exercise:

Opposites

Find the opposites in the text:

| | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| Rich- | full- | Ugly- I |
| apart- r | Enemies- | Bad- |
| sell- | finished- | Healthy- |

Reading comprehension

Complete the missing words from the glossary in the blanks:

1. Van Gogh was born in Holland. He was a _____ painter.
2. Van Gogh became an _____.
3. Gauguin was a _____ painter.
4. Van Gogh and Gauguin lived in a yellow house in _____.
5. Van Gogh's brother was an _____ and his _____.
6. Van Gogh wrote 700 _____ to his brother.
7. Van Gogh was mentally _____.
8. After Gauguin _____, Van Gogh was very _____ and he cut off his _____.
9. Van Gogh painted over 200 _____. _____ is one of the most famous paintings.
10. Van Gogh died _____ and _____ artist. He became _____ only after his death.
11. The biggest Van Gogh's museum is in _____ where Van Gogh was born.
12. _____ is a song about Van Gogh's _____.

Glossary:

| | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|---------|--------|------------|------------------|--------|
| artist | paintings | poor | French | letters | famous | friend |
| lonely | life | Vincent | ear | art dealer | Starry Night | Dutch |
| angry | Vincent | ill | left | France | The Netherlands. | |

Grammar:

Irregular verbs

Write these verbs in Past Simple:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| are- | write- | sell- | become | think- | have- | send- | find- | meet- | leave- |
| | | | - | | | | | | |
| were | | | | | | | | | |

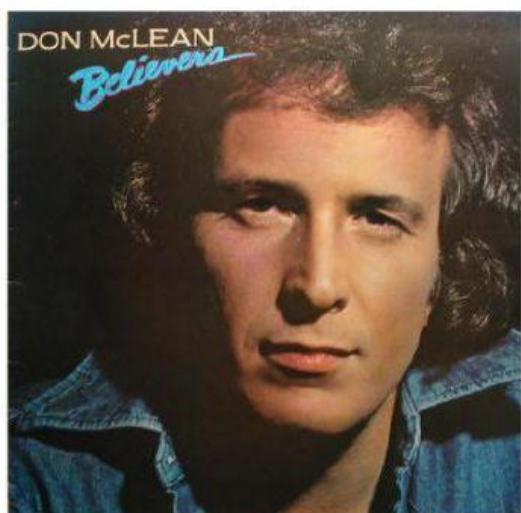
Regular verbs

Write these verbs in Past Simple:

| | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|--------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| work | paint- | die- | help- | try- | like- | kill- | care- | live- | start- |
| - | | | | | | | | | |
| work ed | | | | | | | | | |

The song

"Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)"



In 1972, an American singer wrote a song about Van Goh's life and about his painting "Starry Night".

The singer's name was Don McLean.
The name of the song is "Vincent".

Vocabulary

| | | | | |
|--------|-----------|-------|---------|---------|
| sketch | daffodils | linen | sanity | swirl |
| soul | portrait | thorn | palette | soothed |
| chills | blaze | haze | ragged | china |

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"Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)"

Complete the blanks of the missing words use the glossary below

Paint your palette ____ and ____
Look out on a summer's day
With ____ that know the
Darkness in my _____.
Shadows on the ____
Sketch the ____ and the daffodils
Catch the breeze and the ____ chills
In colors on the ____ linen land.
And now I understand what you tried to say to me
How you suffered for your ____
How you tried to set them free.
They would not listen
They did not know how
Perhaps they'll listen now.
Starry
Starry night
Flaming flo'rs that ____ blaze
Swirling ____ in violet haze reflect in
Vincent's ____ of China blue.
Colors changing hue
Morning ____ of amber grain
Weathered faces lined in pain
Are soothed beneath the artist's
Loving hand.
And now I understand what you tried to say to me
How you ____ for your sanity
How you tried to set them free.
Perhaps they'll listen now.
For they could not love you
But still your love was true
And when no hope was left in sight on that starry
Starry night.
You took your life
As lovers often do;
But I could have told you
Vincent
This world was never
Meant for one

As _____ as you.
 Starry
 Starry night
 _____ hung in empty halls
 Frameless heads on nameless walls
 With eyes
 That watch the world and can't forget.
 Like the stranger that you've met
 The ragged men in ragged clothes
 The silver thorn of bloody _____
 Lie crushed and broken
 On the virgin snow.
 And now I think I _____ what you tried to say to me
 How you suffered for your sanity
 How you tried to set them free.
 They would not _____ .
 They're not
 List'ning still
 Perhaps they never will.

Glossary:

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|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|-------|--------|
| gray | eyes | starry | night | blue | winter | snowy | clouds |
| suffered | sanity | listen | winter | beautiful | fields | know | rose |