

Meet Van Gogh

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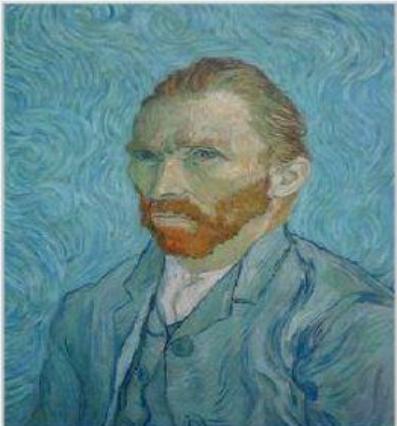
- Listen to the video, pay attention if you hear the following words:
Dutch, Netherland, painter, art
er.

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.

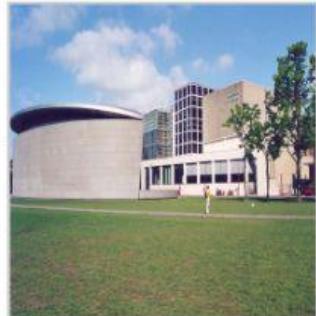
Van Gogh Museum

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. Gaugin was a _____ painter.
4. Van Gogh and Gaugin 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 Gaugin _____, 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			-						

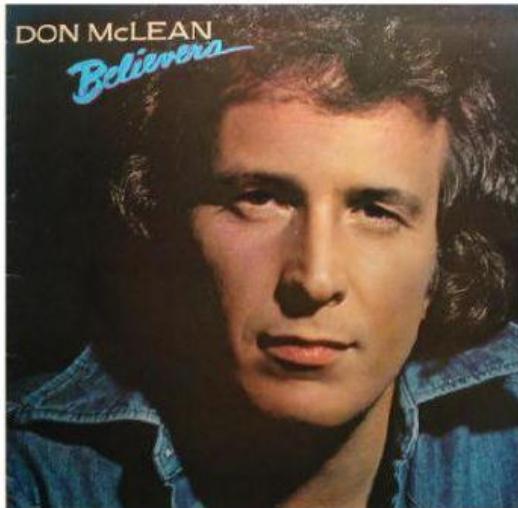
Regular verbs

Write these verbs in Past Simple:

work	paint-	die-	help-	try-	like-	kill-	care-	live-	start-
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The song

"Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)"



In 1972, an American singer wrote a song
about

Van Gogh'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'r's 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:

gray	eyes	stary	night	blue	winter	snowy	clouds
suffered	sanity	listen	winter	beautiful	fields	know	rose