

MUSIC AND ARTS

VIII. Choose the word which best fits each gap.

While art may not be vital to fulfill our basic needs, it does make life (1) _____. When you look at a painting or poster hang on your living room wall, you feel happy. The sculpture on the kitchen windowsill create a (2) _____ of joy. These varieties of art forms that we are surrounded by all come (3) _____ to create the atmosphere that we want to live in.

Just like art, music can make life extremely joyful and can have a huge effect (4) _____ our mood. If you have something hard or difficult to work on or are feeling tired, an energetic song will likely (5) _____ you up and add some enthusiasm to the situation. Similarly when stress is high, many people find that relaxing to calming music is (6) _____ that eases the mind.

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| 1. a. boring | b. beautiful | c. joyful | d. helpful |
| 2. a. sense | b. feel | c. cause | d. way |
| 3. a. away | b. along | c. down | d. together |
| 4. a. on | b. in | c. at | d. of |
| 5. a. take | b. wake | c. pick | d. bring |
| 6. a. something | b. anything | c. everything | d. nothing |

IX. Read the text carefully, then answer the questions.

Modern graffiti began in big cities in the United States in the 1970s. One of the first 'taggers' was a teenager called Demetrius. He wrote his tag TAKI 183 on walls and in subway stations in New York. Other teenagers saw Demetrius's tag and started writing their own tags on walls, buses and subway trains all over New York.

Then, some teenagers started writing their tags with aerosol paint. Their tags were bigger and more colourful. Aerosol paint graffiti became very popular in the 1970s and 1980s and appeared on

trains, buses and walls around the world. In the 1990s and 2000s, a lot of graffiti artists started painting pictures.

In some countries, writing or painting on walls is a crime and street artists can have problems with the police. In other countries, artists can draw and paint in certain places. For example, in Taiwan, there are 'graffiti zones' where artists can paint on walls. In São Paulo in Brazil, street artists can paint pictures on walls and houses. Their pictures are colourful and beautiful. Some tourists visit São Paulo just to see the street art!

1. Where did modern graffiti begin?

2. What was Demetrius's tag?

3. What did young people write on New York walls?

4. When did aerosol paint graffiti become popular?

5. Is graffiti legal in every country in the world?

6. Where can artists paint in graffiti zones?

