

1 Read the text. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Lodz was famous before the work of the Urban Forms Foundation. ____
- 2 The Foundation's art project didn't cost anything. ____
- 3 The masterpieces of street artists can be seen inside the public buildings. ____
- 4 City's tourists are able to see all the murals in two hours without extra support. ____
- 5 The festival is held annually. ____
- 6 The project is now completed. ____

2 Choose the correct options.

1 Two people started an organisation in Lodz to

- a provide more industry in the city.
- b rebuild the city centre.
- c hold more art exhibitions.
- d improve the look of the city.

2 The Urban Forms Foundation

- a asked the mayor to help.
- b needed the city council to agree to the project.
- c asked the council for money for their idea.
- d told the city council what to do.

3 Famous street artists

- a weren't interested at first in the project.
- b from abroad only were invited.
- c were asked to take part in the project.
- d asked the Foundation for work.

4 Because of the Foundation's work,

- a the city has become famous in the art world.
- b the city now has more street art than New York.
- c tourists are allowed to paint on the city walls.
- d there is no need for more artwork in the city.

A BRIGHTER CITY

The city of Lodz in Poland was another unremarkable industrial city until a few years ago. In 2009, an organisation called the Urban Forms Foundation was set up by a well-known art historian and an actress. Their idea was to bring the tired urban landscape to life again.

The Foundation planned an art project that would change the city's image and regenerate the center, and presented it to the city council. It wanted the council to ask street artists to paint on walls around the city center as a permanent outdoor exhibition. The mayor of the city supported the idea and the Foundation was given permission to go ahead and raise the money needed. Famous street artists from all over the world were invited by the Foundation to come to Poland to work, including Os Gemeos from Brazil, Aryz from Spain and Remed from France, as well as local talent like M-City and Etam Cru. In total, artists from eight countries took part in the project over the next few years, and more than twenty huge murals were created on the sides of buildings in public spaces.

Lodz is now the second city in the world for street art after New York, and people visit there especially to see the amazing artworks. With a special map, tourists can walk round the city and view them all in a couple of hours. Now, once a year, the Foundation organises an art festival which attracts participants from all over the world. And in the future, the project will be continued with other pieces of urban art - statues, sculptures and 'street jewellery'. The transformation goes on!

3 Choose the correct item.

- 1 He loves the music in the **audience / soundtrack / cast** of that film.
- 2 The actress walked **gracefully / thankfully / accurately** through the crowd to her seat.
- 3 The artists **exhibit / conduct / perform** their paintings at an art gallery in London.
- 4 The artist is able to **draw / paint / portray** his emotions in his work.
- 5 The images appeared to **shift / slide / bend** away when I tried to look at them.
- 6 The **curator / producer / usher** showed us to our seats.
- 7 The dancers **sway / shake / stretch** gently from side to side while the music plays.
- 8 His paintings are really optical **confusion / illusions / tricks**.
- 9 Jason likes to **carve / sculpt / convert** animals out of wood.
- 10 Henry has asked me to **design / illustrate / decorate** his books with drawings.
- 11 You can read celebrity gossip in **broadsheet / tabloid / comic** papers.
- 12 I always buy the TV **review/ obituary / guide** so that I can see what's on tonight?

4 Choose the correct option.

MUM: Alan, how many times has your father told you **(1) to not spend / not to spend** ages on the land line? That's what your mobile is for.

ALAN: Sorry, Mum, but that was a reporter from the local newspaper. She phoned me.

MUM: Oh, what did she want?

ALAN: She wanted to know how I **(2) was feeling / am feeling** after winning the regional final of the Junior Musician of the Year competition.

MUM: Oh, I see.

ALAN: Yeah, she said she **(3) has been / had been** at the competition and she thought that

(4) I'd performed / I have performed really well. She asked when **(5) was I going / I was going** to the national final, so I told **(6) her/to her** that I might not go because I **(7) can't / couldn't afford** to go to London.

MUM: What did she say?

ALAN: She said that the local newspaper **(8) will / would** sponsor me if money was a problem. She invited me to go to the office and have my photo taken for the paper. I said **(9) I'm not / I wasn't** sure, you know, I said **(10) her / to her** that I **(11) had only done it / only do** it for a laugh. But then she told me what a good opportunity **(12) was it / it was** and she tried to persuade me to go to the final,

MUM: What did you say?

ALAN: I **(13) told/ said** her I'd see her **(14) the next day / tomorrow** at her office, of course!

5 Complete the second sentence so it means the same as the first, using the word given. Do not change the word given. Use between two and five words.

- 1** 'Pam, did you call the bank?' Carl asked.

IF

Carl asked Pam _____ the bank.

- 2** 'Who made the coffee this morning?' asked Dave.

HAD

Dave asked who _____ morning.

- 3** 'You must read this book!' said Gina.

TO

Gina said that I _____ book.

- 4** 'Don't park too close to the red car,' said my dad.

ME

My dad _____ too close to the red car.

- 5** 'Have you seen Ratatouille yet?', asked Bob.

HAD

Bob asked us _____ Ratatouille yet.

- 6** 'We can all have a hot cup of cocoa when we get home', said Stephen.

WE

Stephen said we _____ a hot cup of cocoa when _____ home.

- 7** 'Are the textbooks here?', asked Mrs Unwin.

THERE

Mrs Unwin asked _____.

- 8** 'Take out your books', Mrs Deacon told the students.

OUT

Mrs Deacon told the students _____.