

Reading Test 3

1. Read the text and choose the correct word and write it into each empty space.

The painter

Pablo Picasso showed his truly exceptional talent from a very young age. He learned to draw before he could talk. His father worked as a drawing teacher at a college. He was an amateur 1 _____. Pablo often watched his father paint and sometimes was allowed to help him. One evening his father was painting a picture of their pigeons when he had to 2 _____ the room. He returned to find that Pablo had completed the picture, and it was so amazingly beautiful and lifelike that he gave his son his own palette and brushes. Pablo was just 13. From that time nothing could stop him. Many people realized that he was a genius but he disappointed those who wanted 3 _____ to become a traditional painter. He was always 4 _____ the rules of artistic tradition and shocked the public with his strange and really powerful pictures. He is probably best known for his "Cubist" pictures, which used only simple geometric 5 _____. His paintings of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong place. His work changed our ideas about art, and to millions of people modern art means the work of Picasso.

1. a) expert b) actor c) artist d) performer
2. a) leave b) live c) go d) come
3. a) he b) his c) her d) him
4. a) staying b) breaking c) doing 4) becoming
5. a) profiles b) conditions c) states 4) shapes

