

Unit 1

Creative energy!

1) Write the following words from the box in the right category: Escribe las palabras del recuadro en la categoría correspondiente

contemporary art landscape oil painting sculpture sketch

Types of art

abstract art graffiti graphic art pop art

Types of paintings

illustration portrait still life watercolour

2) Match the works of art (A-F) with their titles (1-6) Une los cuadros con sus titulos

- 1 ☐ *Starry Night*, Vincent Van Gogh
- 2 ☐ *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, Johannes Vermeer
- 3 ☐ *Black Square*, Kazimir Malevich
- 4 ☐ *Café Guerbois*, Édouard Manet
- 5 ☐ *Splash*, Tomas Misura
- 6 ☐ *Still Life with Basket*, Paul Cézanne

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Art has something for everyone, but you have to look for it!



By Charlotte, 17

At school, Art is fun because we **experiment** with different **techniques**. We do portraits, make sculptures and generally get creative! However, a school trip to an art gallery is often **disappointing** if you're a teen. For example, last year my Art teacher organised a trip to an exhibition of abstract art by Mark Rothko. The gallery was full of older people, who obviously didn't want to be with noisy school kids. We all got bored and we couldn't stop **giggling**. Our teacher was getting stressed and kept telling us to be quiet.

The next day we talked to our teacher about the **lack** of activities for visitors our age at art galleries. She agreed that a visit should be both educational and fun. That's when I decided to go online and look for art galleries that have special events for teens. I managed to find a huge **range** of activities and proposed some of them to the teacher. Next month we're going to see an exhibition of pop art and meet an artist who specialises in it. So, if you say art galleries are boring, I can show you where to look for **inspiring** ideas!

It's also a good idea to use the internet to learn about artists. Recently I managed to find a contemporary artist from Czechia, called Kristián Mensa. I've already seen artists who **combine** different techniques, but this is totally different. He does unique illustrations with ordinary **household objects** such as mobile phones, headphones and even biscuits. His art is very simple, but it makes you see things differently. For **example**, he notices that a flower is similar to a mop – and puts this idea into life by drawing a little man and giving him a real flower mop. It's hilarious! I hope I'll be able to go to an exhibition of his work in the future.

3) Read the article again and choose the correct answers. Lee el artículo y elige la opción correcta.

- 1 What does Charlotte try to do in this text?
 - a give a review of an art gallery
 - b apologise for being noisy in art galleries
 - c explain how to enjoy art galleries more
 - d describe different types of art
- 2 What was the school trip to the art gallery like?
 - a It was successful although the students behaved badly.
 - b It was stressful for the teacher and not much fun for the students.
 - c It was better than the students thought it would be.
 - d It was interesting because they had studied the artist at school.
- 3 What does Charlotte think about art galleries now?
 - a They should have more events for young people.
 - b You don't need to visit them to enjoy them.
 - c There are more exhibitions for teens now than before.
 - d You can enjoy them if you find events especially for teens.
- 4 Charlotte finds Kristián Mensa's work interesting because
 - a he uses extraordinary, unique objects in his pictures.
 - b he puts a lot of effort into each work of art.
 - c he's got original ideas and is very creative.
 - d he uses different techniques at the same time.

4) Look at the highlighted words in the text. Write its definitions. Use a dictionary if necessary. Escribe la definición de las palabras resaltadas en el texto.

Experiment:

Techniques:

Disappointing:

Giggling:

Lack:

Range:

Inspiring:

Combine:

Household objects:

5) Match. (Unir)

1. Appear
2. Illustrations
3. Plays
4. Poems
5. Poet
6. Poetry
7. Reviews

- a) Obras de teatro
- b) Críticas
- c) Poemas
- d) Aparecer
- e) Ilustraciones
- f) Poeta
- g) Poesía

6) Completa el texto sobre Picasso con las siguientes palabras. Hay 2 palabras que sobran:

appear illustrations plays poems poet
poetry reviews

Picasso

Did you know that Pablo Picasso spent a short time as a ¹poet? At the age of fifty-three, he stopped painting and drawing, and started writing. He moved to France and soon



managed to ²_____ in the French press, although he didn't always get good ³_____. He wrote two ⁴_____ for the stage and produced ⁵_____ for more than fifty books. However, he soon returned to his life as a painter.

7) Elige la opción correcta:

●● Choose the correct option.

- 1 I love the graffiti / illustrations in this children's book.
- 2 Do you like my sketch / oil painting? I did it with that pencil you bought me.
- 3 Andy Warhol was a famous artist who created pop / life art.
- 4 The Mona Lisa is one of the most famous landscapes / portraits of all time.
- 5 I don't really like contemporary art / sculpture. I much prefer the classical stuff.