



KONTAKOS

Put the verbs in the correct tense.

'Technology _____ (make) my life worth living': Artist _____ (paint) with her eyes

Updated 30th October 2020 Artist Sarah Ezekiel _____ (win) international recognition for her work, which she _____ (create) using eye-tracking technology. by Stefanie Blendis/CNN



London-based artist Sarah Ezekiel has won international recognition for her vivid, life-affirming images. But her work is all the more remarkable for the fact that she has a medical condition that _____ (leave) her unable to move her arms. Ezekiel's pictures _____ painstakingly _____ (produce), stroke by deliberate stroke, using the movement of her eyes and specialized technology that _____ (relay) those movements to a computer.

The eye-tracking technology _____ (give) Ezekiel a platform for artistic expression otherwise denied her by amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as motor neurone disease.

Ezekiel _____ (show) no signs of the condition until 2000, when she was aged 34. Pregnant with her second child, she _____ (notice) some weakness in her left arm and that she _____ (slur) her speech. Within months, she _____ (diagnose) with ALS.

It's a condition that _____ (affect) one in 50,000, according to the ALS Association, and for which there is no known cure.

"My life was pretty normal before," she says. "I was a full-time mum (and) _____ (cook), clean and go to the gym regularly."

She describes her first five years living with ALS as a "bleak wilderness" and "very lonely." Today, she can neither speak nor move but says "technology has made my life worth living."