

# Sculpture



Sculpture can be large or very small. It often depicts the human body, but it can be of anything at all.

Sculpture is often made of stone, metal or wood, but it can also be of chocolate, butter, ice or flowers. Different materials have different qualities. Some are long-lasting, others are temporary. Some materials need to resist the weather and others simply convey an idea.

Sculpture can be realistic or abstract. It is normally found in museums and art galleries, but it can be on the streets, in parks, on a hillside or elsewhere.

There are four basic sculpture techniques:

- **Carving:** cutting or chipping away a shape from a piece of stone, wood, or other hard material.
- **Casting:** melting down material like metal and then pouring it into a mould to cool and harden.
- **Modelling:** building up a soft material like clay and shaping it to create a form.
- **Assembling:** gathering and joining various materials to create an assembled sculpture.



- 1 Sculpture comes from the Latin word *sculpere* which means *carve*. What materials can be used in sculpture?

10.2.2 10.4.2 10.4.4 Listen and read to find out.

- 2 10.4.2 10.4.3 10.4.5 Read again and complete the sentences.

- 1 To make sculpture we often use .....
- 2 Not all materials have .....
- 3 You can see sculpture .....
- 4 The four sculpture techniques are .....
- 5 A mould is where the melted material .....
- 6 You can use clay to .....

## Check these words

• depict • stone • metal • wood • butter • ice  
• material • quality • long-lasting • temporary  
• resist • convey • realistic • abstract • hillside  
• carving • chip away • casting • melt down  
• pour • mould • cool • harden • modelling  
• clay • assembling • gather

- 3 10.3.7 Tell the class four things you have learnt about sculpture.

- 4 10.1.6 10.1.10 ICT Collect photos of sculptures in your country. Present them to the class. Talk about: **the sculptor**, **the sculpture**, **the material used** and **where each sculpture can be seen**.



## Culture Spot



- 1 10.2.1 10.2.2 What do you know about Tate Modern? Where is it? What can you see there?

Listen and read to find out.

- 2 10.1.6 10.1.8 10.1.10 ICT What sort of art galleries are there in your country? Collect information about one of them and write a short text about it. Write: **name**, **location**, **exhibits**. Present it to the class. Compare it to the Tate Modern.

## The Tate Modern



The Tate Modern is a modern art gallery in London. It is Britain's national gallery of international modern art and also the most visited modern art gallery in the world. It is housed in an old power station which was converted. There are seven floors of modern art from all around the world, from 1900 to today, including paintings, sculptures, installations, performance art and much more. The Tate Modern offers exhibitions, films, conferences and regular talks. There are free daily guided tours. It is open every day except 24-26th December. Entrance is free.