How important are museums to you?

We asked three young people this question and this is what they told us.

Chris

A lot of my friends think museums are boring but I love them. I prefer ones where they move things round regularly, and bring in new things to keep it interesting. I also like to have things to listen to as well as look at. I suppose I like museums because I'm really interested in history and art. We study these subjects at college, but I've actually found out a lot more about them from museums than from my textbooks.

Emily

I'm lucky because I live in New York, so there are lots of great museums for me to visit. One thing I've learnt is that you should never try to see a whole museum the first time you go. Just go to one or two rooms, and then return as often as you can to see the rest. For me, it's important that the people who work in the museum are pleasant, and happy to talk to me about the things in the exhibition. That makes a big difference.

Daniel

I don't go to museums much, except during my holidays in new cities. Then I make sure I spend at least a day going to the most famous ones. If it's a big museum and I don't have much time, I sometimes walk into a room and choose just five things to look at. I also take a tour if there is one, as I learn so much more from listening to the person showing us round than I do if I'm by myself.

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1 Who always visits museums when they travel?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

2 Who says it is important to visit the same museum several times?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

3 Who likes museums where the exhibitions often change?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

4 Who says that museums should have friendly staff?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

5 Who says that they sometimes only look at a few things in a room?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

6 Who learns more in a museum than in a classroom?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

7 Who prefers going around a museum with a guide to going alone?

A Chris B Emily C Daniel

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