

**A) Fill in the blanks with the correct word or phrase from the following list. Be mindful of meaning, collocations, and context.**

**Word bank:** playwright, curtain call, know no bounds, lousy, by leaps and bounds, ruthlessness, understudy, backtrack, jaded, playact, mediocrity

**The Ever-Evolving World of the Arts**

For those with an undying passion for creativity, the arts **(1)**\_\_\_\_\_. From the masterpieces of the Renaissance to **avant-garde** installations in contemporary galleries, artistic expression has flourished across centuries. However, not every work is **groundbreaking**—some **succumb to (2)**\_\_\_\_\_, failing to leave a lasting impression.



Critics, of course, are notoriously sharp-tongued. A **(3)**\_\_\_\_\_ performance or an uninspired script can be mercilessly **torn apart** in reviews. In such a competitive field, **(4)**\_\_\_\_\_ is often necessary to rise to the top, as the industry seldom rewards those who hesitate.

Yet, even the most devoted artists can become **(5)**\_\_\_\_\_ over time, struggling to find inspiration after years in the spotlight. Still, innovation continues **(6)**\_\_\_\_\_, with technology reshaping how we experience theatre, film, and music.

For actors, the ultimate moment of recognition comes during the **(7)**\_\_\_\_\_, when the audience's applause confirms their success. Yet, not all who take the stage are the stars—many begin as an **(8)**\_\_\_\_\_, stepping in when the lead is unable to perform. Some actors, however, go beyond their roles and **(9)**\_\_\_\_\_ in everyday life, **blurring the line** between reality and fiction.

Writers, too, face their challenges. A **(10)**\_\_\_\_\_ may spend years perfecting a script, only to be forced to **(11)**\_\_\_\_\_ due to criticism or changing trends. In the end, the arts remain a **relentless** pursuit—one that demands resilience, reinvention, and, above all, passion.

**B) Vocabulary in context. Choose the correct meaning of the underlined words in the text.**

1. Avant-grade
2. Ground-breaking
3. Succumb to
4. Torn apart
5. Blur the line
6. Relentless

