

MYSTERIOUS STREET ARTIST

Read the text and complete with the correct word.

Banksy is one of the (1) _____ famous and mysterious artists in the world. Although his real name has never been confirmed, most people believe he comes from Bristol, in the UK. What makes Banksy unique is not only his anonymity (2) _____ also his powerful and thought-provoking art.

He began his career as a graffiti artist (3) _____ the 1990s, painting on public walls and buildings. His works often include clever images combined with short, ironic messages that criticize politics, war, and consumerism. One of his best-known pieces shows a little girl letting go of a heart-shaped balloon — a simple but emotional image that (4) _____ appeared in many cities around the world.

Banksy's art has appeared suddenly in unexpected places, from the streets of London (5) _____ the walls of refugee camps. Although his paintings are technically illegal, they are now considered valuable pieces of art. In fact, one of his works was famously shredded (6) _____ a hidden machine just after being sold at auction — a perfect example of his rebellious sense of humor.

Through his art, Banksy reminds us (7) _____ creativity can be a powerful way to question the world we live in.

