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“The artist sees what others only catch a glimpse of.” - Leonard da Vinci (artist & inventor)



Did you know?

The oldest known art is a series of rock carvings found in a cave in India. Scientists believe that these round shapes could be up to 700,000 years old.

The Mona Lisa is the most visited artwork in the world. Over 6,000,000 people per year pay a visit to the Louvre in Paris to see Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece.

In 1998, British artist Michael Landy created an artwork he called *Project Breakdown*. Over three years, he shredded, burnt or destroyed every single item he owned including his car and all his clothes. When he finished his only possessions were the clothes he was wearing.

The graffiti artist Banksy is one of the most famous and wealthiest artists living today, yet he has managed to remain anonymous. He is thought to be from Bristol in the UK.

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Vocabulary match

paint	a place you can go to see art
drawing	a great piece of art, the artist's best work
gallery	a picture created with a pencil
portrait	a painting or drawing of a person (usually their head and shoulders)
masterpiece	a picture of the countryside
canvas	the material a painting is painted on
landscape	a coloured liquid which is used to make pictures with

Idioms and collocations

1. I don't like this painting at all! Modern art is *not my* _____.
2. My uncle owns a sketch by Pablo Picasso. It's *worth a* _____.
3. I always carry a _____ *book* with me, I like to draw when I have the chance.
4. The artist has a *good* _____ which helps them notice small details that others might miss.
5. I love Salvador Dali's paintings. He had such a vivid _____.

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What pictures do you have on your walls?

Have you seen any famous works of art?

Do you have any artistic talents?

Who's your favourite artist?

What kind of art do you like?

How often do you visit museums or art galleries?

Who are the most famous artists from your country?

What do you think of modern art?

Describe an interesting photograph you've seen?

Do you own any original pieces of art?