

Opinions on art

Art vocabulary/ Giving opinions

Give your opinion on some art, an art style, a particular artist etc, for example by choosing one of the topics below, and see if your partner agrees.

Possible opinions on art topics

A (so-called) masterpiece/ A work of genius

A particular gallery, e.g. The Museum of Western Art in Tokyo or MOMA in New York

A shocking piece of art

Abstract art such as Abstract Impressionism, e.g. Jackson Pollock's dripping paint

An overrated artist or artwork

Art based on ancient myths

Art fairs such as biennales

Art mixing local and international styles

Art Nouveau

Art prizes such as the Turner Prize

Auction prices of art

Baroque art such as Bernini's statue of Saint Teresa

Black and white photography such as Robert Doisneau's couple kissing in the street

Blockbuster shows

Bronzes

Busts

Byzantine art

Calligraphy

Chagall

Charcoal drawings

Classical sculpture, e.g. the Venus di Milo

Collages

Colour photography

Conceptual art

Contemporary art

Cubism such as Picasso and Braque

Digital photography

Erotic art such as Japanese shunga erotic prints

Expressionism such as Munch's The Scream or Klimt's The Kiss

Fakes

Figurative art

Folk art

Futurism

Graffiti (art)

Group portraits

History painting

Impressionism such as Degas's ballet dancers or Monet's Water Lilies

Instillations

Islamic art

Kitsch, e.g. Jeff Koons

Landscape painting

Medieval art

Miniatures
Minimalism
Mixed media
Mobiles by Alexander Calder etc
Museum gift shops
Naive art such as Henri Rousseau's jungle paintings
Nudes
Official portraits
Open air sculpture gardens
Outsider art
Pastels
Performance art such as Yoko Ono's cut dress
Photorealism
Pointillism, e.g. Seurat's A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte
Pop art such as Andy Warhol's soup cans
Portraits such as Vermeer's Girl with the Pearl Earring
Post-impressionism such as Van Gogh's Sunflowers or Starry Night or Gauguin's pictures of Tahiti
Pottery/ Ceramics
Pre-Raphaelites such as Millais's Death of Ophelia
Prints
Public art galleries in this city/ country
Public sculpture in this city/ country
Ready-mades such as Duchamp's urinal
Realism
Religious art, e.g. Madonna and Child, Annunciation, Descent from the Cross, or Adoration of the Magi
Renaissance painting such as Da Vinci's Last Supper, Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling, or Botticelli's Birth of Venus
Renaissance sculpture such as Michelangelo's David
Retrospectives
Rodin's The Thinker
Scroll paintings
Self-portraits such as Rembrandt's
Semi-abstract art
Site-specific art
Solo shows
Some art that was banned/ censored
Still lives
Stone sculpture
Studio space for artists in this city
Surrealism like Salvador Dali's dripping clocks or lobster telephone
Tapestries
The general public's taste in art
The most famous artists from one particular country or period
Titian
Traditional art
Wall paintings

Water colours
Wildlife painting
Woodcut prints, such as Japanese ukiyoe
Wooden sculpture
YBAs such as Damien Hirst's shark in a tank or Tracy Emin's bed

Do the same, but this time flipping a coin to decide what opinion you and your partner should give.

Heads= positive opinion
Heads = strong opinion
Heads = agree
Heads = strong (dis)agreement

Tails = negative opinion
Tails = weak opinion
Tails = disagree
Tails = weak (dis)agreement