

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. Discuss for longer if you like, then take turns doing the same with other topics related to art.

When your teacher stops you, share one opinion you agreed on and see if the class agrees.

Ask about anything on the list that you are not sure about, working together as a class to make related opinions each time.

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

First person

First flip

Heads= positive opinion

Tails = negative opinion

Second flip

Heads = strong opinion

Tails = weak opinion

Second person

First flip

Heads = agree

Tails = disagree

Second flip

Heads = strong (dis)agreement

Tails = weak (dis)agreement

Suggested art topics to give opinions on

- 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
- Futurism
- Graffiti (art)
- Group portraits
- History painting
- Impressionism such as Degas's ballet dancers or Monet's Water Lilies
- Installations
- 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
- Pottery/ Ceramics
- Pre-Raphaelites such as Millais's Death of Ophelia
- (Woodcut) prints, such as Japanese ukiyoe
- 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/ Folk art
- Wall paintings
- Water colours
- Wildlife painting
- Wooden sculpture
- YBAs such as Damien Hirst's shark in a tank or Tracy Emin's bed