**ART**

What kinds of art do you know?

Are you interested in art?

What is your favourite kind of art?

What is the purpose of art?

**Listening:**

I’m a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I look at beautiful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and sculptures and wish I could be artistic. I can’t draw or paint \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life. I wonder why some people are so talented and can create \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , when other people, like me, can’t even draw good matchstick figures . I would like to fill my house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all over the world. It’s interesting to see how different cultures have different \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . There’s nothing better than visiting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when you go to another country. I prefer more traditional art. I don’t really \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of modern art. I look \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a pile of bricks in a museum but can’t see \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . I always laugh when my children say, “Daddy, I can do better than that!”  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they can.

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| * What’s the best art gallery you’ve been to?
* Do you like modern art?
* Do you have a favourite artist?
* Does art change the way you think or feel?
* Do you think anyone can be an artist or do you need a special talent?
* Do you think all children should study art at school?
* Do you think children should learn the history of art?
* Do you think a painting can really be worth a million (or more) dollars?
* Do you think today’s artists are as good as those from hundreds of years ago?
* What was the last painting / poster / piece of art you bought. Why did you buy it?
* Describe the pieces of artwork in your house.
* What kind of art is your country famous for?
* What kind of life do you think an artist’s is?
* Do you have any artistic talents?
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| January the 31st is Inspire Your Heart With Art Day. On (1) \_\_\_\_ day, you can give your heart a special treat. You can create your very own (2) \_\_\_\_ of art or go and visit art galleries and museums. People should take the time to (3) \_\_\_\_ out art and make it a bigger part of their lives. Art is full of inspiration and can change our way of looking at the world. It has changed people’s hearts for (4) \_\_\_\_. Maybe looking at a masterpiece painting or a superb piece of sculpture will inspire you to be creative. We all have creative juices in us. Unfortunately, many of us stop (5) \_\_\_\_ creative when we move from childhood to adulthood. Inspire Your Heart With Art Day may get your creative juices (6) \_\_\_\_ again.There is (7) \_\_\_\_ much art around us but many people take little notice of it. There is art in the architecture we work, live and play in. There are gardens (8) \_\_\_\_ of statues and floral displays. We walk past graffiti on walls and fail to see the art in it. We also see thousands of advertisements every day that have an artistic (9) \_\_\_\_ to them. We don’t even have to step into a gallery. It’s everywhere. One of the best ways of (10) \_\_\_\_ art is on the Internet. There are thousands of sites showing art and artists over thousands of years. There is (11) \_\_\_\_ excuse for us not to find art. What we need to is to stop, look and think for a short (12) \_\_\_\_. If we do that, then we just might inspire our heart with art.

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| 2. | (a) | working | (b) | work | (c) | worker | (d) | worked |
| 3. | (a) | searching | (b) | searches | (c) | search | (d) | searched |
| 4. | (a) | centuries | (b) | century | (c) | centurion | (d) | centres |
| 5. | (a) | to be | (b) | being | (c) | to be or not | (d) | was |
| 6. | (a) | flowed | (b) | flow over | (c) | flowing | (d) | flows |
| 7. | (a) | as | (b) | so | (c) | to | (d) | such |
| 8. | (a) | full | (b) | filled | (c) | filling | (d) | fullest |
| 9. | (a) | side | (b) | top | (c) | bottom | (d) | rim |
| 10. | (a) | exploration | (b) | explorer | (c) | explores | (d) | exploring |
| 11. | (a) | tiny | (b) | small | (c) | little | (d) | midget |
| 12. | (a) | timing | (b) | timer | (c) | times | (d) | time |

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* At the moment, are there any special exhibitions on in your town or country? Are you going to visit them?
* In general, are art galleries in your country free or do you have to pay to visit them? Which do you think is best and why: a charge to cover costs? Free entry? A voluntary contribution?
* Some cities organise one night each year - typically sometime in summer - during which some museums stay open until very late at night. Have you ever been to a museum late at night? Was it an interesting experience?
* Has anything you painted/sculpted/designed, etc. ever been on public display?
* Have you ever tried to buy something at an auction? What was the process?
* Many people's tastes in art can be summed up by the comment "I don't know much about art, but I know what I like." What do you feel about that comment?
* Is it possible to appreciate art without liking it? Can you think of any examples?
* When eating out, what's more important to you: the way the food looks or tastes? Why?
* What's your most creative pastime? For example, do you like to paint, draw, or take photographs?
* Do you own any books about art? How often do you look at them?
* Did you like art when you were younger? (Has that changed? Why/ Why not?)
* Which artists from your country are most well known internationally? Do you think their fame is justified? Are there any artists from your country who should be better-known?