

UNIT 9: Art and design Exercise 1: Inferring opinions (1)

Choose whether each sentence gives a positive or neutral / possibly negative opinion.

- 1 The work of art will be seen by thousands of lucky people every day.

positive



- 2 She was paid a lot of money for her work.

neutral/negative



- 3 Local people really love this wonderful piece of artwork.

positive



- 4 What do you think of this piece of artwork, her latest creation?

neutral/negative



- 5 The artist finds her inspiration in the job she used to do.

neutral/negative



- 6 This road junction is a good place to display a piece of public art.

positive



- 7 This item is the right size for this space.

positive



- 8 Through her self-expression, the artist asks a lot of very interesting questions.

positive



- 9 Contemporary art can be challenging and very difficult to understand.

neutral/negative

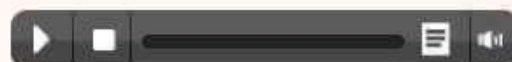


Listen and decide who says the following phrases. Choose *interviewer* or *Barry Foss*

		interviewer	Barry Foss
work of art	✓	☒	☐
thousands of lucky people	✓	☒	☐
wonderful piece of artwork	✓	☒	☐
the person who made this	✓	☐	☒
her latest creation	✓	☒	☐
this item is the right size	✓	☐	☒
the artist finds her inspiration	✓	☒	☐
challenging and difficult to understand	✓	☐	☒
the artist asks interesting questions	✓	☒	☐

Listen and complete the sentences with the words in the box.

art gallery Art Museum Central Park television hospital
Library local government



- 1 The sculpture is on display in front of the City ✓
- 2 The sculpture was paid for by the City ✓
- 3 Barry Foss works for the ✓
- 4 Angela Jones recently had an exhibition in New York's ✓
- 5 Previously, the artist worked in a ✓
- 6 Angela's drawings and paintings are on display in a private
 ✓
- 7 The interviewer is going to interview the artist on local ✓

UNIT 9: Art and design Exercise 4: Expressing contrasting opinions

Choose the correct words and phrases to complete the sentences.

1 Many people think that making art is easy and anybody can do

it. it takes a lot of skill and practice.

2 It looks like some modern art is just lines and colours.

In reality, modern artists plan and create their work

very carefully.

3 We take it for granted that most people enjoy public art.

However, some research shows that a lot of public art

is very unpopular.

4 It seems as if everybody wants the sculpture to be

removed. a group of people are fighting to

keep it.

5 Some people say that all graffiti is ugly.

But in fact, some graffiti is carefully drawn and very

artistic.

6 It may seem that people are more interested in television than

art. that more than one million people visited

our city's art museum last year.

Complete the text. Use the words in the box.

People are debating the **graffiti** ✓ that has recently been painted on the side of a building in the town centre. People who like it call it street **art** ✓ and say that it makes the area beautiful. People who don't like it say it's an illegal act of

vandalism ✓. As the police decide what to do about it, local art

collector ✓ Dean Jensen has offered to buy the wall and take it away brick-by-

brick to his art gallery. However, the owner of the building hasn't commented on this

proposal ✓. Mr Jensen said, "The **composition** ✓ of the image – a

combination of circles and squares – is amazing. And the colour **scheme** ✓,

which is a combination of red and blue, is also very strong. The artist who painted this

has shown true **creativity** ✓". The debate continues.



UNIT 9: Art and design Exercise 7: Restating somebody's point

Complete the conversations with B's restatements of A's points.

Example:

A I like this sculpture. It's beautiful.

Beautiful?

B I don't like it and I think it's dangerous.

Start again

1 A I think we should stop work.

B Stop work? But we've only just started.

Start again

2 A We need to hurry. We're running out of time.

B Running out of time? We have six hours to finish.

Start again

3 A That isn't a sculpture, it's vandalism!

B Vandalism? You must be joking. It's an amazing piece of art.

Start again

4 A We have a budget of ten thousand pounds.

B Ten thousand pounds? That's great news!

Start again

5 A Our application has been rejected.

B Rejected? I can't believe it!

Start again

6 A Have you seen the new sculpture in front of the library? It's amazing.

B Amazing? I don't agree. I think it's ugly.

Start again

Put the parts of the conversation in the correct order. Then listen and check.



Ann: OK, let's begin. The first item for today's meeting is that we've been given some money to buy a painting to put in the hospital entrance.



Ben: Personally, I'm not really sure that's an appropriate way to spend money. I mean, isn't it our business to help people who are sick?

Cathy: I see what you mean, Ben, and I'm not an expert, but it's been said that art – and appreciating beauty – can make patients feel better.

Ann: One other thing to remember: we can't use the money to improve our facilities. The money has been given specifically for us to buy a painting.

Ben: Oh, OK. Well, if the money is only for a painting, but nothing else, we should buy a painting.

Cathy: Yes, I see what you're saying. But how will we go about choosing a painting?

Ben: All I know is that I'd like to see a traditional style of painting. Contemporary art confuses me!

Ann: Really? I love contemporary painting. We may have a hard time making a decision on this!

Choose the correct stress for the words.

- 1  ☒ DEcorate 
☐ decoRATE
- 2  ☒ DEcoration 
☒ decoRAtion
- 3  ☒ communiCATE 
☒ coMMUnicate
- 4  ☒ communiCAtion 
☐ COmmunication
- 5  ☒ creATE 
☐ CREate
- 6  ☒ creaTION 
☒ creAtion
- 7  ☒ ARTist 
☐ arTIST
- 8  ☒ arTISTic 
☐ ARTistic
- 9  ☒ exhiBIT 
☒ exHlbit
- 10  ☒ EXhibition 
☒ exhiBtion

Listen and match the sentence halves.

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| 1 | ▶ Personally, I'm | not really sure this artwork is appropriate. | ✓ |
| 2 | ▶ I'm not an expert, but | this artist is very famous. | ✓ |
| 3 | ▶ All I know is | we don't have much money to spend this year. | ✓ |
| 4 | ▶ For me, | there's a question of quality. | ✓ |
| 5 | ▶ You could say that, however actually | most people don't agree. | ✓ |
| 6 | ▶ You may be right, but I wonder if | everyone agrees with you. | ✓ |
| 7 | ▶ I see what you're saying, but maybe | there's another side to the argument. | ✓ |
| 8 | ▶ That's true in part, but I think | my argument is a strong one. | ✓ |