

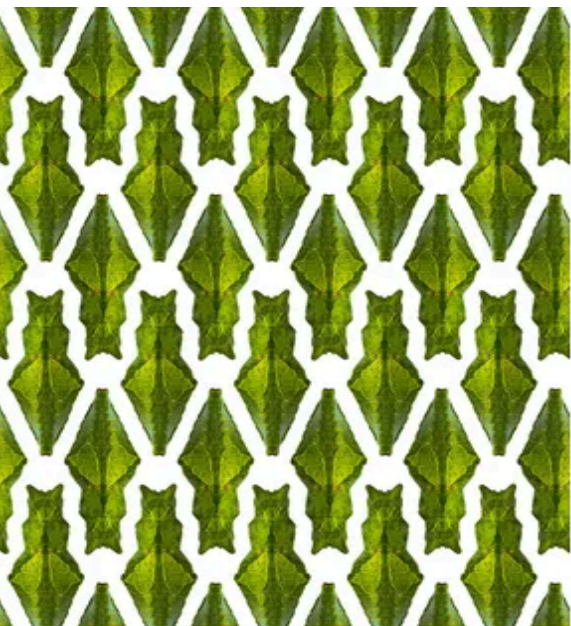
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IELTS SPEAKING Q & A

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PART 1 – Arts



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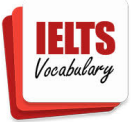


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VOCABULARY & IDEAS	SAMPLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
<p>Advanced vocabulary and natural expressions for this topic</p>  <p>The traditional subdivision of the Arts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture • Sculpture • Painting • Literature • Music • Performing • Film <p>Visual art [noun] – creative art that is appreciated by sight</p> <p>Fine art [noun] – belongs to the general category of visual arts such as drawing, painting, sculpture, film-making, printmaking, calligraphy, etc.</p> <p>Decorative arts [noun] – arts or crafts concerned with the production of objects that are both beautiful and functional; objects like ceramics and pots</p> <p>Abstract art [noun] – a visual art that uses shapes, colors, lines, that are independent from the visual references of the world</p> <p>Mesmerize [verb] – enthrall; dazzle</p>	<p><u>SOURCE:</u></p> <p>1. Do you like art?</p> <p>Answer 1 <i>Yes / do.</i> I love visual arts, <u>especially</u> fine arts and decorative arts. <i>Well,</i> I've collected some pieces of abstract art <i>since</i> I'm mesmerized by the beauty of it – it does fire my imagination interpreting the meaning and comprehending the emotion of the artist that is depicted on the masterpiece. I also enjoy keeping some ceramics, pottery, and mosaic art at home.</p> <p>Answer 2 Absolutely. I've had a deep-rooted admiration for art since I was a grader, I love different forms of art, for me, it's like food for the soul. <i>Actually,</i> I was an active member of an art club during my primary and high school days and it really helped me develop my prowess in painting. Well, these days, I've cultivated a new hobby which is sculpting, and I find it <i>fascinating</i> and <i>satisfying</i>.</p> <p>2. Have you ever visited an art gallery?</p> <p>Answer 1 Most definitely! I've been to several art galleries in different countries. I've visited the Red Gate gallery in Beijing, the National Gallery in London, the Art Gallery in Western Australia, and the Mori Building Digital Art Museum in Tokyo. Of all those art galleries, the digital art museum in Tokyo is my favorite because it's futuristic, extraordinary, creative, and dreamy. I couldn't help myself but be entranced by the beauty of that kind of art.</p> <p>Answer 2 Believe it or not, I have never visited even a single art gallery before because displays in art galleries are quite monotonous, and sadly it's hard for me to build a connection with art. I am not an artistic or imaginative critter and it's not my cup of tea. <i>Well,</i> perhaps, I might give it a shot in the future and who knows I may have a change of heart.</p>

Fire one's imagination [phrase] – to make someone feel very excited and interested

Interpret [verb] – explain the meaning of something

Depict [verb] – portray

Masterpiece [noun] – an outstanding artistry

Mosaic art [noun] – an artistic picture or design made out of materials that are assembled together

Deep-rooted (adjective) – continuing to exist or endure over a prolonged period.

Admiration (noun) – respect and warm approval.

Grader (noun) – pupil

Food for the soul (idiom) – feeling tranquil, peace and harmony within our souls.

Prowess (noun) – skill or expertise in a particular activity or field.

Cultivate (verb) – develop

Sculpting (noun) – the art of carving

Several [determiner] – more than two but not many

Futuristic [adj.] – involving very modern technology and design

Extraordinary [adj.] – exceptional; amazing

Dreamy [adj.] – being magical

3. Is there any artwork on the wall in your room?

Answer 1

Unfortunately, no. I don't have any piece of artwork in my room since my room is **cramped**. However, we have some in our living and dining rooms. *Actually*, my mom is an art **enthusiast**; she loves to collect some **abstract paintings** and hang them on the walls. **Those pieces of artwork** actually add life to our interior and honestly, I can't take my eyes off them.

Answer 2

Yes, I have two – one is a figurative art which was gifted to me by my best friend who is an artist and the other one is a stained glass of Vincent Van Gogh's masterpiece, The Starry Night. I got it from an online art shop five years ago, and that was the time when I was engrossed reading stories of the life of Vincent Van Gogh. Those two artworks hold a special place in my heart.

4. Have you ever had art classes?

Answer 1

Yes I had. I had a great time doing some crafts **back in the days** *when* I was still a student. *Well, I believe* all primary and high school students are **mandated** to study art for that is part of the **curriculum**. Having art classes at an early age helps children develop their imaginative skills or their **creative thinking**.

Answer 2

Yes, I have, and I'm still doing it now. I'm actually a **Fine Arts** student in one of the most prestigious art institutes in this city. And this current semester, I'm learning about minimalism and to tell you the truth, I'm hooked on it. I don't know, I just can't describe my feelings studying that type of art.

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5. Is art popular in your country?

I would say, art surely does gets importance as people really like to see great art work but when it comes down to choosing arts as a career it is not a very popular choice among people. They prefer pursuing their art goals a mere hobby.

Arts is truly respected in my country. People who can draw well are surely in demand in fields like army, police and country development. Recently, our prime minister hired twenty great artist of our country to create designs that will be painted on the walls of areas which are not very developed. He has a vision to ensure that every one lives in a nice livelihood.

Can't help [phrase] – used to say when someone cannot stop themselves from doing something

Entrance [verb] – captivate; enchant

Monotonous [adjective] – lacking in variety and interest

Critter [noun] – a living creature or individual

Cup of tea [idiom] – something one likes

Give it a shot [phrase] – to try something

Change of heart [phrase] – change one's mind

Primary schooler [noun] – a pupil attending in a primary school

Cramped [adj.] – uncomfortably small

Enthusiast [adj.] – a person who is very interested in something

Interior [noun] – the inner part of the house; inside of the house

Can't take my eyes off [phrase] – something or someone that is interesting or captivating that one cannot stop looking

Figurative art [noun] – an artwork that is derived from real objects or the world references

Gift [verb, as used in the answer] – to give

Stained glass [noun] – colored glass used to form decorative or pictorial

6. What kind of art do you like?

I love sketching human faces. I really am fascinated by the different moods a face can easily depict. There is a lot that can be said with a human face.

I like sketching natural things, the ones that are very near to nature. It could be mountains or rivers or the trees, anything that is near to nature.

7. What are the traditional art forms in your country?

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8. How do you think art classes affect children's development?

I cannot stress more. I am an advocate of learning arts, especially at a young age when the mind is more receptive. Arts help in the cognitive development of the children and help them think outside the box. I firmly believe arts hold an equal significance, if not more, than academic-oriented subjects.

9. What can you learn from western paintings?

Well, in my opinion, painting usually represents the culture, traditions of its origin. So is the case with western paintings through which we get to know their key historical events or famous personalities.

10. What benefits can you get from painting as a hobby?

Well, there are plenty of benefits of pursuing painting as a hobby. At first, it boosts the imagination power, then it helps to express the hidden emotions and feelings, last but not least, it increases the patience level. In addition, if creations are magnificent, they can be a partial source of income.

designs and commonly used in the windows of churches

Engross [verb] – to be absorbed all the attention or interest of something

Hold a special place in one's heart [phrase] – something that is emotionally important to you

Craft [noun] – an activity that requires skills in creating things by hand

Back in the days [phrase] – used when talking about the time in the past, especially when you're remembering wonderful things about that time

Mandate [verb, as used in the answer] – require

Curriculum [noun] – a course of study

Prestigious [adj.] – reputable; respected

Semester [noun] – half-year term in a school

Minimalism [noun] – a style in art that uses the smallest range of materials and colors and only very simple forms or shapes

To tell you the truth [phrase] – to express honestly

PART 2

SOURCE:

CUE CARD 1:

Describe a piece of artwork that you have seen before.

You should say

- Where you saw it
- What it was about
- When you saw it

and explain how you felt about it.

Band 8 Sample

Today, I would like to tell you about one of the most well-known paintings in the world, which is also my personal favourite, the **portrait** of Mona Lisa.

You know, the painting was created by Leonardo da Vinci, the famous Italian artist from the 15th century. When I first saw this painting in one of my high school textbooks, I just **couldn't take my eyes off it** due to some **mysterious attractiveness**.

At first sight, all I noticed in the painting was a long-haired woman with a friendly smile on her face, which was quite round, and she had no eyebrows either. The more I looked at it though, the more I felt like she was actually smiling at me.

Some people have claimed that Mona Lisa was simply an **imaginary** character *while* others have believed that she was actually Leonardo's wife. *Honestly*, it doesn't really matter to me though *because I think that* the Mona Lisa is a **masterpiece** that attracts people with that magical smile. *This is also one of the main reasons why* I am a fan of the painting.

In terms of the actual truths behind this portrait though, I guess we may never know, but I think that secrets make everything all the more intriguing.

Vocabulary highlights:

1. **portrait** – a picture of someone's

	<p>face</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> couldn't take my eyes off it – when something is so interesting or beautiful that you can't stop looking at it mysterious attractiveness – when something is beautiful but you cannot explain why at first sight – the first time you look or see something imaginary – something that is not real, and only exists in someone's mind masterpiece – a work of art such as a painting, film or book that is made with great skill
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- ★ What expressions make the response sound conversational and natural?
- ★ What idioms are used?
- ★ How many verb tenses can you identify?

PART 3

VOCABULARY & IDEAS	SAMPLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
	<p><u>SOURCE:</u></p> <p>1. Do you think children can benefit from going to art galleries?</p> <p>I think definitely, yes. Art is that part of our lives that brings out the creative side of ours. If children go and visit art galleries, they might be able to understand things better and may feel motivated to draw things and explore their creative</p>

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I don't think children will be very much benefited by just going to art galleries. It is very important for them to understand what is being shown, what is the meaning, how it has been made, and why art is important. It is only when they understand the answers to the questions (that) it makes sense to make children visit art galleries.

SOURCE:

2. Describe the general purpose of art. Why do people enjoy art?

That's quite a challenging question since I'm not really an art specialist. *I guess* the general purpose of art would be to provide some beauty or entertainment in the world. *If* you look at most of the classical art I think the focus is mostly beauty for example painting an exquisite picture.

But, I guess art has changed in recent years. Now art is used to bring a message across or even to shock. Like Banksy, even though his art isn't really ugly, the focus is more on the message than how impressive the format actually is.

So, I guess it's not only beauty, but also some form of mirror of what's happening in the world, showing some critique on the current situation.

As to why people enjoy art? I'm not really sure everyone does enjoy art and I would say that many people have different tastes in art. I assume some people just enjoy looking at the extraordinary work, while others might just want to be confronted, or ask questions about the works of art. So, maybe it just depends on the person.

MORE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Do you think that art is as important as academic subjects when it comes to educating children?
2. What are the advantages and disadvantages of art education?
3. Why do you think some people enjoy looking at paintings and sculptures and others do not?

	<p>4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being an artist?</p> <p>5. Do you think that some people are naturally better artists than others?</p> <p>6. What kind of art do you enjoy?</p> <p>7. What are the traditional art forms in your country?</p> <p>8. What makes a good painting?</p> <p>9. Do you think children should study art at school?</p> <p>10. How can children benefit from learning art?</p> <p>11. How has art changed in the last few decades in your country?</p> <p>12. Do you think art classes are necessary? (Why?)</p> <p>13. How do you think art classes affect children's development?</p> <p>14. What kind of paintings do people like?</p> <p>15. What benefits can you get from painting as a hobby?</p> <p>16. How often do you visit art galleries?</p> <p>17. What kinds of things do you like to draw?</p> <p>18. Is it easy to learn how to draw?</p> <p>19. Do people in your country prefer music over art?</p> <p>20. Are older people more interested in art than younger people?</p> <p>21. Should the government provide support for art and cultural activities?</p>
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