

Straightforward Upper Intermediate Unit 5

Vocabulary

A Complete the text with the words in the box.

abstract collection controversy disbelief exhibition prestigious sculpture talented

IV Sass is one of a number of very (1) _____ artists making an impression on the world of art. A recent (2) _____ of her work attracted attention and absolute (3) _____. A three-metre (4) _____ called *Kiss* was the central piece in her (5) _____. In the past Ms Sass has won many (6) _____ awards for her (7) _____ art and is no stranger to (8) _____.

B Choose the correct word from the box to complete the sentences.

Whoever Wherever Whenever Whatever However
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- (9) _____ people might think of her books, she has three bestsellers already.
(10) _____ I have the time, I go to see the latest exhibitions in the art gallery.
(11) _____ tired I am, I always enjoy reading his novels.
(12) **A:** Let's go and eat. Where would you like to go?
 B: _____ you want, I don't mind.
(13) _____ painted this, it's a load of rubbish!

C Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentences, a, b or c.

- (14) They _____ my first three novels, but now I have a bestseller.
a) turned away b) turned down c) turned out
- (15) Do you find it difficult to _____ a new story?
a) come up with b) take to c) set up
- (16) I found it really easy to _____ him. He is such a nice person.
a) live up to b) take to c) turn away
- (17) It must be difficult when your father is famous, you have to _____ his reputation.
a) live up to b) take to c) turn out
- (18) With his first \$1 million he _____ his own publishing company. Now he publishes his own books.
a) came up with b) turned up c) set up
- (19) When I start writing a novel I'm never sure how it's going to _____.
a) put off b) turn up c) turn out
- (20) When I was six I decided I was going to be a famous writer and nothing was going to _____.
a) put me off b) turn me down c) turn me away
- (21) They _____ at the door and I couldn't get in to the exhibition. I really don't know why.
a) put me off b) turned me down c) turned me away

Grammar

D Choose the correct words to complete the text.

Jonas Backman (22) *watched / was watching* TV last night when he (23) *saw / was seeing* his photo on the news. He (24) *watched / had watched* in horror as the reporter explained that police (25) *looked / were looking* for him in connection with a crime. Police claimed that he (26) *was stealing / had stolen* a painting from an art gallery in Paris, France. Jonas was really surprised as he (27) *was never / had never been* to Paris. He didn't know what to do so he (28) *decided / was deciding* to phone the police

and explain the situation. He (29) *sat / was sitting* down to make the call when the police burst in and arrested him.

E Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

(30) When he was fifteen he *had decided / had been deciding* to become a writer.

(31) Julie went back to the art gallery and tried to find the painting she *had looked / had been looking* at earlier.

(32) She *had watched / had been watching* a programme on TV when he arrived home.

(33) Mark knew he had to wait for the best time to tell her what he *had seen / had been seeing*.

(34) He *had noticed / had been noticing* her standing there when he first entered the building.

F Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

(35) When he got home he realized he lost all his money.

_____.

(36) He sat waiting for me when I arrived home.

_____.

(37) Ben had been wanting to become an artist when he was young.

_____.

(38) Whoever had painted this picture needs to take art lessons.

_____.

(39) What were you been doing earlier?

_____?

(40) By the time he was thirty he written five books.

_____.

Functional language

G Complete the phrases and sentences with the words in the box.

worthless worth valuable rubbish masterpiece fortune features

(41) it has no redeeming _____

(42) It's a load of _____.

(43) It's a _____.

(44) It's absolutely _____.

(45) It's extremely _____.

(46) It's not _____ anything at all.

(47) It's worth a _____.

H Complete the mini-dialogues with the phrases and sentences from exercise G. Be careful! Only three are used.

1

John: So, how much is it worth?

Matt: Nothing at all. (48) _____

John: Then why do you keep it?

Matt: Because I think it's an amazing painting. I don't care if it's not valuable.

2

Maisy: There must be something you like about the painting.

Rick: No, nothing. It's horrible.

Maisy: Not even one thing?

Rick: No, (49) _____ at all.

3

Hannah: Have you seen his last painting?

José: Yes, I really like it.

Hannah: What? (50) _____

José: You can't say that. I think it's great.