



Listen and read.

Looking at art

Types of paintings

When you visit an art gallery, there are different types of paintings. These include portraits, landscape and still life paintings. Portraits are paintings of individual people. Landscape paintings are views of the countryside. Still life paintings show objects, flowers, fruit or vegetables.



Differences in paintings

Some artists paint with oils. Some artists paint with water colours.

Some paintings are realistic. They show things as they are in real life. Some paintings are abstract. They show combinations of lines, shapes and colours.

Some paintings are full of bright colours and light. Some paintings are dark with tones of black and grey.

Some paintings are very big and cover the wall of a room. Some paintings are very small and you need to look carefully to see the detail.

How to look at paintings

When you look at a painting for the first time, use your eyes to 'go for a walk' around the painting. Look at the top, the bottom, the middle, the things that are close, and the things that are far away. Notice and think about:

- the scene and what's happening.
- the people and what they're feeling or thinking.
- the objects and the colours.
- the mood and the atmosphere.
- how the painting makes you feel.

When you look at a painting like this, it helps you to give a personal response and to think in a critical and creative way.



25 Answer the questions.

- 1 What are portraits?
- 2 What are landscape paintings?
- 3 What do still life paintings show?
- 4 What do realistic paintings show?
- 5 What do abstract paintings show?

THINKING SKILLS

Critical thinking and creativity

27 Think and say.

Do you like looking at paintings?

Do you think it's interesting to learn about art?

