

## Strong and weak feelings about art

### Warmer

*Brainstorm collocations with and other words connected to the word “art” onto a mind map.*

*Add words from this list to your mind map where you can.*

- (semi-)abstract art
- Abstract Impressionism, e.g. drip paintings
- ancient art
- Art Nouveau
- auctions
- Baroque
- biennales
- bronzes
- busts
- Byzantine art
- calligraphy
- ceramics/ pottery
- charcoal
- collages
- conceptual art
- contemporary art (e.g. YBAs such as Damien Hirst’s shark in a tank or Tracy Emin’s bed)
- Cubism such as Picasso and Braque
- erotic art such as Japanese shunga erotic prints
- Expressionism such as Munch’s The Scream or Klimt’s The Kiss
- fakes
- figurative art
- folding screens
- folk art
- Futurism
- (private/ public) galleries
- graffiti (art)
- hanging scrolls
- history painting
- Impressionism such as Degas’s ballet dancers or Monet’s Water Lilies
- instillations
- Islamic art
- kitsch, e.g. Jeff Koons
- landscape painting
- masterpieces
- Medieval art
- miniatures
- minimalism
- mixed media
- mobiles by Alexander Calder etc
- museum gift shops
- (modern art/ contemporary art) museums (e.g. MOMA and The Tate)

- naive art such as Henri Rousseau's jungle paintings
- nudes
- Op Art/ trick art
- open air sculpture gardens
- outsider art
- pastels
- performance art such as Yoko Ono's cut dress
- (black and white/ colour/ digital) photography
- Pointillism, e.g. Seurat's A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte
- Pop Art such as Andy Warhol's soup cans
- (official/ group/ self-) portraits such as Vermeer's Girl with the Pearl Earring
- Post-impressionism such as Van Gogh's Sunflowers or Starry Night or Gauguin
- Pre-Raphaelites such as Millais's Death of Ophelia
- prints such as Japanese ukiyoe woodblock prints
- ready-mades such as Duchamp's urinal
- (photo)realism
- religious art, e.g. Madonna and Child, Annunciation, Descent from the Cross, or Adoration of the Magi
- Renaissance painting such as Da Vinci's Last Supper, Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel ceiling, or Botticelli's Birth of Venus
- Renaissance sculpture such as Michelangelo's David
- retrospectives
- Rococo
- Rodin's The Thinker
- scroll paintings
- sculpture/ statues
- site-specific art
- solo shows
- still lives
- Surrealism like Salvador Dali's dripping clocks or lobster telephone
- tapestries
- traditional art
- video art
- watercolours
- wildlife painting

*Ask about anything above you don't understand, etc, discussing where it could go on a mind map each time.*

*Share your opinions on the things above and other things on your mind map, trying to find opinions that you share with phrases like "Me too./ I feel the same way." – "Really? I.../ You surprise me. Personally, I..."*

*Share one opinion you have in common with the class and see if anyone agrees.*

*Change partners. Do the same with the phrases below, still on the topic of art.*

### Strong and weak phrases on art

- ... could have been painted by a five year old.
- ... gives me a headache.
- ... is fairly good.
- ... is laughable.
- ... is overpriced.
- ... isn't bad.
- ... isn't really my cup of tea.
- I absolutely adore...
- I can give or take...
- I can't get enough of...
- I can't make head or tail of...
- I can't really see the point of...
- I can't stand...
- I despise...
- I detest...
- I don't have much experience of...
- I don't mind...
- I don't really understand...
- I have got used to...
- I just don't get...
- I think I'm starting to understand (the appeal of)...
- I think... is somewhat overrated.
- I think... is totally underrated.
- I was blown away by...
- I'd love to visit/ try/ learn more about/...
- I'm (still) not sure what I think about...
- I'm a huge fan of...
- I'm baffled by...
- I'm going off...
- I'm really into...
- You can't go wrong with...

*Share one opinion you have in common with the class and see if anyone agrees.*

*Ask about anything above which you don't understand, couldn't use, etc, working together as a class to make suitable sentences each time.*

*Label phrases above with a big circle for strong phrases and a small one for weak ones, then compare as a class.*

*Continue sharing your views on art, but this time flipping a coin to decide what kind of language you should use:*

Heads = positive opinion

Tails = negative opinion

Heads = strong opinion

Tails = weak opinion

Heads = agree

Tails = disagree

Heads = strong (dis)agreement

Tails = weak (dis)agreement