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VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each art word with its meaning.

1 exhibition ____	**a** a public display of artworks
2 sculpture ____	**b** a three-dimensional artwork, often carved or shaped
3 gallery ____	**c** a place where art is shown or sold
4 painting ____	**d** a picture made with paint
5 canvas ____	**e** the surface artists paint on
6 artist ____	**f** a person who creates art
7 portrait ____	**g** a picture of a person's face
8 masterpiece ____	**h** an artist's outstanding, best-known work
9 abstract ____	**i** not showing real objects, using shapes and colours instead
10 palette ____	**j** the range of colours an artist uses

2 Choose the correct form.

1 We visited an art exhibition / exhibit.

2 She painted a beautiful portrait / portraiting.

3 The sculpture / sculpt was made of bronze.

4 He is a talented artist / arting.

5 The gallery displays / display modern art.

6 This painting is / has abstract.

7 The artist used a colourful palette / paletting.

8 That is considered his masterpiece / master piece.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

abstract | artist | canvas | exhibition | gallery | masterpiece | palette | portrait

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Mia: She is a talented 1 _____ who loves working on a large
2 _____. Her latest 3 _____ shows a woman's face in detail.
Local 4 _____: This month, the 5 _____ is showing an
6 _____ of colourful, modern paintings. One piece uses such a striking
7 _____ of colours that many visitors call it a true
8 _____.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 abstract ____	**a** plain
2 colourful ____	**b** classical
3 modern ____	**c** simple
4 detailed ____	**d** unskilled
5 talented ____	**e** unknown
6 famous ____	**f** copied
7 original ____	**g** abstract... i.e. imaginary
8 realistic ____	**h** representational

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A visit to the gallery

Last weekend, Leo visited a new art exhibition at the city gallery. He especially loved a large abstract painting with a bright, colourful palette. There was also a striking sculpture in the main hall, made from recycled metal. Leo learned that the artist had spent two years working on her masterpiece, a huge canvas showing a portrait of her grandmother. He left feeling inspired to try painting himself.

1 Leo visited an exhibition last weekend. T / F

2 He disliked the abstract painting. T / F

3 There was a sculpture in the main hall. T / F

4 The sculpture was made of wood. T / F

5 The masterpiece took two years to make. T / F

6 Leo felt inspired afterwards. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (of, in, on, at).

1 The sculpture was made _____ metal.

2 We saw an exhibition _____ the gallery.

3 She painted a portrait _____ canvas.

4 He is skilled _____ painting.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of an artwork or exhibition you have seen (real or imaginary). Include the style, colours and your opinion.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and positive.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Art words

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 exhibition 2 portrait 3 sculpture 4 artist 5 displays 6 is 7 palette 8 masterpiece

3 Descriptions

1 artist 2 canvas 3 portrait 4 gallery 5 gallery 6 exhibition 7 palette 8 masterpiece

4 Opposites

1 h 2 a 3 b 4 c 5 d 6 e 7 f 8 g

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - he loved it.
3 T
4 F - it was made of metal.
5 T
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 of 2 at 3 on 4 at/in

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and positive wording.