

## Is This Art?

### PHRASE BANK

abstract   acrylic paint   to blend   a board   blockbuster   a canvas   a brush  
to highlight   a roller   a spray can   to camouflage   house paint   a wall   to shade  
a hoarding   wild style   a bit   incredibly   quite   really   very

### 1. Go over expressions in the Phrase Bank. Find the following:

1. four surfaces to draw or paint on \_\_\_\_\_
2. five pieces of art equipment \_\_\_\_\_
3. four techniques artists use \_\_\_\_\_
4. three styles of artwork \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Match words from the Phrase bank to the definitions.

1. Artists use oil paints to paint on this strong cloth. \_\_\_\_\_
2. a complicated style of graffiti which joins together letters and arrows \_\_\_\_\_
3. a large panel which is used for displaying adverts outside \_\_\_\_\_
4. a verb which means to mix different substances together \_\_\_\_\_
5. a graffiti style which uses big square letters which often look like rocks \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Circle the correct alternatives.

1. I will use waterproof acrylic paint **to** / **for** paint the bathroom.
2. You should **use** / **used** a roller rather than a brush to paint that wall. It's much faster.
3. Paint in spray cans is often used **for** / **to** creating street art.
4. Using bright colours to **highlight** / **highlighting** detail is a good technique.
5. House paint is used for **shade** / **shading** by wild style graffiti artists.

### ANALYSE

To describe tools and equipment, we can say **use + infinitive** or **use + for + gerund**.

*Artists **use** oil paints to paint.*

*A large panel is **used for** displaying adverts.*

#### 4. Rewrite the opinions with the modifiers in brackets.

1. The old buildings in the centre of my town look ugly. (really)

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2. I don't really like abstract art. It's difficult to understand. (a bit)

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3. Miguel Barceló is a talented artist and has won many prizes. (incredibly)

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4. I'd love to go to an exhibition of surrealist art. It seems interesting. (really)

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5. Some graffiti can be dull, but blockbuster street art is striking. (quite / very)

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#### 5. Look at the pictures below. Choose one of the pieces of art and prepare a small presentation to describe it. Use the modifiers in Strategy box.



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#### STRATEGY

Make your opinions more interesting by using **modifiers of degree** such as **quite**, **a bit**, and **really** to modify adjectives.

*It's a really beautiful picture, but it's quite small and a bit dark.*