

**Graded reading: Graffiti and street art (level 3) – exercises**

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

**Preparation**

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... | designated         | a. | words or pictures drawn on walls or public places   |
| 2..... | vandalism          | b. | a kind of paint that is sprayed from a can  |
| 3..... | graffiti           | c. | the act of deliberately damaging or destroying things, especially public property   |
| 4..... | aerosol paint      | d. | marked or separated for a particular purpose  |
| 5..... | the global village | e. | a tall machine used for building tall buildings   |
| 6..... | a crane            | f. | the modern world, in which countries seem close together and interdependent because of modern communication and transport |

**1. Check your understanding: true or false**

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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|----|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | Graffiti has been found in caves in Greece, Italy, Syria and Iraq.                | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Demetrius first wrote his tag on the New York subway.                             | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Many city councils complain about street art because cleaning walls is expensive. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Elura Emerald thinks street art is vandalism.                                     | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Blek le Rat wants to make people think about homelessness.                        | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Faith47 wants her work to be permanent.   | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer for these questions.

1. Demetrius used to write his tag on the subway **at weekends / on school days / at night** .
2. In the 1970s, **tourists / teenagers / artists** covered the walls of New York with tags.
3. Street art became very popular in the **1970s / 1980s / 1990s** .
4. Some street artists have been arrested and ordered to **pay fines / work in designated areas / clean the streets** .
5. **Taki 183 / Blek le Rat / Faith47** likes to paint in unusual places.
6. Os Gêmeos' work is known for its **political messages / commercial value / large scale** .

### Discussion

What do you think about graffiti and street art? Do you think it is vandalism or contemporary art?

Is there much graffiti in your town or city?

Do you think it makes your town or city look better or not?

Should the police stop graffiti artists?