

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article 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..... | legal | a. | painting or writing on a wall in a public place |
| 2..... | graffiti | b. | the act of breaking or damaging something |
| 3..... | vandalism | c. | rarely; not often |
| 4..... | controversial | d. | nameless; unknown |
| 5..... | anonymous | e. | (about a topic) causing a lot of discussion, debate and argument |
| 6..... | hardly ever | f. | something that you are allowed to do, according to the laws of a country |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

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

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| 1. | The 'Banksy versus the Bristol Museum' exhibition was at a museum in Bristol. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Banksy likes to give interviews. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | We don't know Banksy's real name. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Banksy has painted graffiti on animals. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | <i>Exit Through the Gift Shop</i> was the name of a popular piece of graffiti. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Britain's longest legal graffiti wall is in Scotland. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: matching

Match the numbers with their meaning in the text.

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| 1..... | more than 100 | a. | The year of the 'Banksy versus the Bristol Museum' exhibition. |
| 2..... | 2 million | b. | The number of works by Banksy at the Bristol Museum exhibition. |
| 3..... | 2009 | c. | The year Banksy was (probably) born. |
| 4..... | 1973 | d. | The amount of money (in dollars) that Brad Pitt paid for a Banksy painting. |
| 5..... | 2003 | e. | The number of times (at least) Banksy has refused to do adverts for Nike. |
| 6..... | 2010 | f. | The length in metres of the graffiti wall in Dundee. |
| 7..... | four | g. | The year Banksy made a film called <i>Exit Through the Gift Shop</i> . |
| 8..... | 110 | h. | The year Banksy designed an album cover for Blur. |

3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a person or place from the box.

Dundee

Banksy

Brad Pitt

Bristol

Mike Crilley

Palestine

1. _____ is the location of the museum and Banksy's hometown.
2. _____ is one of the world's most famous graffiti artists.
3. Banksy painted on the wall which divides Israel and _____.
4. _____ bought a painting by Banksy for \$2 million.
5. The longest legal graffiti wall in the UK is in _____.
6. _____ organises the legal graffiti wall in Dundee, Scotland.

Discussion

Is there a lot of graffiti in your town or city?

Are there any famous street artists like Banksy where you live?