

- A work of art
- A masterpiece

Visual arts

- drawing
- painting
- sculpture
- printmaking: the activity or occupation of making pictures or designs by printing them from specially prepared plates or blocks.
- craft: an activity involving skill in making things by hand
- ceramics: the art of making objects by shaping pieces of clay and then baking them until they are hard
- pottery: the activity or skill of making clay objects by hand
- photography
- installation
- film-making
- architecture
- chisel: a tool that has a sharp edge for cutting wood, stone, etc.
- a canvas: a piece of this cloth used by artists for painting on, usually with oil paints, or the painting itself

Written arts

- literature
- a novel
- an author
- a playwright
- drama
- a play
- short story
- biography / autobiography
- poetry
- a poet
- a poem

Performing arts

- dance

- cinema
- theatre
- a play
- a playwright
- a scene
- ballet
- a ballerina
- the stage
- concert
- opera
- opera house
- musical

Painting

- a portrait
- a fresco: (a picture made by) painting on wet plaster on a wall or ceiling. E.g. *Michelangelo's famous frescoes are in the Sistine Chapel*
- a brushstroke: the way in which something, especially paint, is put on to a surface with a brush.
- a canvas: a piece of this cloth used by artists for painting on, usually with oil paints, or the painting itself
- a landscape /seascape /cityscape
- a still-life picture
- a palette
- an easel: a wooden frame, usually with legs, that holds a picture, especially one that an artist is painting or drawing
- painting styles: impressionism, cubism, expressionism
- a sketch: a simple, quickly-made drawing that does not have many details.
- an oil painting, a watercolour painting, a print

Places, people and events

- a museum
- an art dealer
- an art collector
- an auction: a sale of goods or property, where people make higher and higher bids (= offers of money) for each thing, until the thing is sold to the person who will pay most
- a curator: a person in charge of a museum, library, etc.

- a patron: a person who supports (often with money) an artist, musician, writer, form of art etc.
- a graffiti artist
- a gallery
- a theatre
- a cinema/ movies
- an exhibition
- an exhibit: an object or a collection of objects that is shown to the public in a museum, etc.
- an artefact: an object that is made by a person, such as a tool or a decoration, especially one that is of historical interest: The museum's collection includes artefacts dating back to prehistoric times

Expressions / Collocations

- the sets were incredible
- colourful / elaborate / lavish / national / traditional / period / eighteenth-century / Victorian costumes
- a good cast (film, theatre)
- give a fantastic performance
- a **rave review**: admiring giving a lot praise. E.g. *the show has received rave reviews in all the papers.*
- Jackson Pollock's most famous paintings are **on display** at the Tate Modern Art Gallery in London for 10 days.
- Her paintings **depict** the lives of ordinary people in the last century.

Adjectives used to describe works of art /books etc.

- thought-provoking
- compelling
- unconventional
- offbeat
- moving
- striking
- well-received
- poignant
- bleak
- overrated
- stunning