



### HELPING BLIND PEOPLE TO SEE ART

Romeo Edmead lost his eyesight when he was only two years old. But that has not stopped him from living life to the fullest. He went to college and studied journalism. He now lives in New York and produces a podcast about the city. He depends heavily on his other senses.

But he cannot experience the great works of art in New York City. At least 285 million people worldwide are either blind or considered visually impaired. They are unable to see or enjoy visual fine art.

1) Can you explain what happened once to Romeo when he visited a museum?



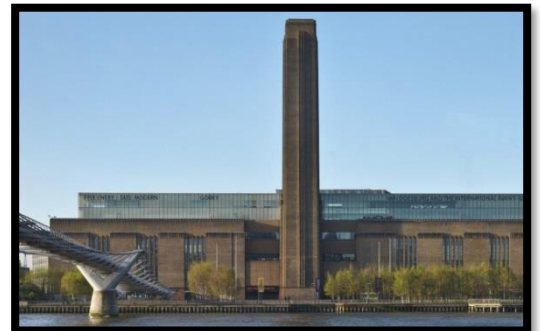
2) How long does the process take?

- less than 4 weeks
- up to 4 weeks
- more than 4 week

3) What is the reason behind the creation of 3-D images?

## TATE MODERN

Experiencing painting or sculpture through touch is rewarding, whether you are visually impaired or not. On the Tate Modern touch tours visually impaired people can experience everything from sculpture to architecture, touching objects to gain an understanding of their texture, shape and mass. You are led between a series of different tactile objects, which are curated on different themes.



1) Watch the video and tick the works of art that you see.

- a giant slide
- a mechanical sun
- a metal container that completely dark inside
- a giant spider
- a work by Henri Matisse called The Snail
- a portrait by Pablo Picasso
- an animation of a cartoon girl
- an old van with sledges coming out of the back door

2) Answer the questions.

1. How many people visit Tate Modern each year?
2. What is the impressive thing about Tate Modern when is empty?
3. What comparison does the presenter make between modern artists like Matisse and contemporary artist like Richter?
4. What is the final question that the presenter asks?

**we will correct both listenings in class together**

3) The presenter describes the Tate Modern as “make-you-think” theme park or “philosophy fairground”. Why do you think people go to art galleries like Tate Modern? Is it because of the art or are there other reasons? (Let’s answer that in the forum!)