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Level 6

Death threats over new Banksy painting

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THE ARTICLE

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A new painting by the "guerilla artist" Banksy is currently the focus of a heated argument in the city of Bristol, England. The painting appeared overnight on a building. The leader of a nearby youth club, Dennis Stinchcombe, couldn't believe his luck when he saw it and discovered it was a Banksy that could be worth up to \$150,000. He prised it off the wall using a crowbar and stored it in the youth club. However, the city mayor said Mr Stinchcombe had no right to take the painting as it was on the wall of a city-owned building. The mayor wants the painting put back. Stinchcombe said it would be vandalised and hopes to auction it to raise money for the youth club. He has since received death threats from angry Banksy fans.

The painting has been called "Mobile Lovers". It depicts a man and woman embracing while checking out their mobile phones over one another's shoulder. Art by Banksy is much sought after the world over. The mysterious artist, who is only known by the pseudonym Banksy, has become famous for paintings left on walls and buildings around the world. Many have been removed by building owners and caused similar spats. Wikipedia says Banksy's work combines, "dark humour with graffiti executed in a distinctive stenciling technique." Banksy's work is heavy on political and social commentary. The city mayor said it was "against the spirit of Banksy and street art" to remove it from where the artist put it.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-bristol-27050321>
<http://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2014/apr/15/banksy-mobile-lovers-bristol-youth-club>
<http://metro.co.uk/2014/04/16/gym-boss-in-banksy-mural-row-receives-death-threats-4701634/>

WARM-UPS

1. STREET ART: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about street art. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

painting / argument / youth club / \$150,000 / vandalized / auction / death threats / embracing / mobile phone / sought after / dark humour / social commentary / artist

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ART: What are your favourites and why? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Art form	Favourite(s)	Why?
Painting		
Sculpture		
Poem		
Photograph		
CD / Album cover		
Movie		

4. GRAFFITI: Students A **strongly** believe street art and graffiti should always be removed; Students B **strongly** believe the total opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. VENUE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best place for art at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- on a city wall
- in an art gallery
- on the Internet
- on the side of a bus
- on soda cans
- in books
- in homes
- in schools

6. ARGUMENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "argument". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

7. BANKSY: Go to this website and talk about the pictures: <http://banksy.co.uk/>

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. The article described Banksy as a "gorilla artist". | T / F |
| b. The Banksy painting had been on the building for over a week. | T / F |
| c. A mayor said it was wrong to remove the painting from the wall. | T / F |
| d. The person who took it thinks it might have been vandalised. | T / F |
| e. The painting is called "Love of Mobiles". | T / F |
| f. Banksy is also known by the name Jo Chameleon. | T / F |
| g. Banksy produces paintings on buildings all over the world. | T / F |
| h. The mayor said street art should remain where the artist made it. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. heated | a. pulled |
| 2. appeared | b. collect |
| 3. prised | c. strived for |
| 4. put back | d. shows |
| 5. raise | e. passionate |
| 6. depicts | f. merges |
| 7. sought after | g. profuse with |
| 8. combines | h. turned up |
| 9. heavy on | i. opinion |
| 10. commentary | j. returned |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. guerilla | a. his luck |
| 2. a heated | b. threats |
| 3. couldn't believe | c. social commentary |
| 4. prised it | d. artist |
| 5. death | e. the world over |
| 6. It depicts a man and woman | f. argument |
| 7. much sought after | g. of Banksy |
| 8. Banksy's work combines dark | h. embracing |
| 9. heavy on political and | i. off the wall |
| 10. against the spirit | j. humour with graffiti |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

A new painting by the "guerilla artist" Banksy is (1) _____ the focus of a (2) _____ argument in the city of Bristol, England. The painting appeared overnight on a building. The leader of a nearby youth club, Dennis Stinchcombe, couldn't believe his (3) _____ when he saw it and discovered it was a Banksy that could be (4) _____ up to \$150,000. He (5) _____ it off the wall using a crowbar and stored it in the youth club. However, the city mayor said Mr Stinchcombe had no (6) _____ to take the painting as it was on the wall of a city-owned building. The mayor wants the painting put back. Stinchcombe said it would be (7) _____ and hopes to auction it to raise money for the youth club. He has since received death (8) _____ from angry Banksy fans.

vandalised
worth
heated
prised
currently
threats
right
luck

The painting has been called "Mobile Lovers". It (9) _____ a man and woman (10) _____ while checking out their mobile phones over one another's (11) _____. Art by Banksy is much sought after the world over. The mysterious artist, who is only known by the (12) _____ Banksy, has become famous for paintings left on walls and buildings around the world. Many have been removed by building owners and caused (13) _____ spats. Wikipedia says Banksy's work combines, "dark humour with (14) _____ executed in a distinctive stenciling technique." Banksy's work is (15) _____ on political and social commentary. The city mayor said it was "against the (16) _____ of Banksy and street art" to remove it from where the artist put it.

similar
heavy
embracing
shoulder
spirit
depicts
graffiti
pseudonym

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

- 1) A new painting by the "guerilla artist" Banksy is currently the focus of _____
 - a. a heat it argument
 - b. a heating argument
 - c. a heated argument
 - d. a hee-hee argument
- 2) The leader of a nearby youth club, Dennis Stinchcombe, couldn't _____
 - a. believe his lucky
 - b. believe his luck
 - c. believe his lucked
 - d. believe his lucks
- 3) it was a Banksy that could _____ \$150,000
 - a. be worth up too
 - b. be worth up to
 - c. be worth up two
 - d. be worth up true
- 4) Stinchcombe said it would be vandalised and _____
 - a. hopes to auctioneer it
 - b. hopes to auction it
 - c. hopes to actions it
 - d. hopes to action it
- 5) He has since received death threats from _____
 - a. angrily Banksy fans
 - b. angered Banksy fans
 - c. anger Banksy fans
 - d. angry Banksy fans
- 6) The painting has been called "Mobile Lovers". It depicts a man _____
 - a. and woman embracing
 - b. and woman and bracing
 - c. and woman and brace in
 - d. and woman embrace in
- 7) checking out their mobile phones over one _____
 - a. another is shoulder
 - b. another's shoulder
 - c. an other's shoulder
 - d. and another's shoulder
- 8) The mysterious artist, who is only known by _____
 - a. the sue dough name Banksy
 - b. the pseudo name Banksy
 - c. the pseudo mean Banksy
 - d. the pseudonym Banksy
- 9) Banksy's work combines dark humour with graffiti executed in a distinctive _____
 - a. stencil technique
 - b. stenciled technique
 - c. stenciling technique
 - d. stencil in technique
- 10) Banksy's work is heavy on political and _____
 - a. socially comment tree
 - b. social commentary
 - c. social comment tree
 - d. socially commentary

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A new painting (1) _____ Banksy is currently the focus of a heated argument in the city of Bristol, England. (2) _____ overnight on a building. The leader of a nearby youth club, Dennis Stinchcombe, couldn't believe his luck when he saw it and discovered it was a Banksy that (3) _____ to \$150,000. He prised it off the wall using a crowbar and stored it in the youth club. However, the city mayor said Mr Stinchcombe (4) _____ take the painting as it was on the wall of a city-owned building. The mayor wants the painting put back. Stinchcombe said it would be vandalised (5) _____ it to raise money for the youth club. He has since received (6) _____ angry Banksy fans.

The painting has been called "Mobile Lovers". (7) _____ woman embracing while checking out their mobile phones over one another's shoulder. Art by Banksy is (8) _____ the world over. The mysterious artist, who is only known (9) _____ Banksy, has become famous for paintings left on walls and buildings around the world. Many have been removed by building owners and caused similar spats. Wikipedia says Banksy's work (10) _____ with graffiti executed (11) _____ stenciling technique." Banksy's work is heavy on political and social commentary. The city mayor said it was "(12) _____ Banksy and street art" to remove it from where the artist put it.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

1. What kind of artist did the article say Banksy was?

2. Where did Banksy leave his latest painting?

3. How much could the painting be worth?

4. Who said a man had no right to take the painting?

5. What does a man want money from an auction to go to?

6. What's the name of the painting?

7. What's Banksy's real name?

8. What did Wikipedia say Banksy's work combines with dark humour?

9. What does Banksy's work comment on a lot?

10. What did a mayor say was against the spirit of Banksy and street art?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

1. What kind of artist did the article say Banksy was?
 - a) an inspiring one
 - b) post-modernist
 - c) a "guerrilla artist"
 - d) a graffiti artist
2. Where did Banksy leave his latest painting?
 - a) on a wall
 - b) on a bridge
 - c) in a train station
 - d) on a police station
3. How much could the painting be worth?
 - a) \$150,000
 - b) \$175,000
 - c) \$200,000
 - d) \$250,000
4. Who said a man had no right to take the painting?
 - a) Banksy's sister
 - b) a mayor
 - c) an art gallery owner
 - d) an art lover
5. What does a man want money from an auction to go to?
 - a) a statue of Banksy
 - b) charity
 - c) a new art gallery
 - d) a youth club
6. What's the name of the painting?
 - a) Mobile Lovelies
 - b) Mobile Lovers
 - c) In Love With Mobiles
 - d) Lovely Mobiles
7. What's Banksy's real name?
 - a) no one knows
 - b) Kevin Banks
 - c) Mr Pseudonym
 - d) John Arthur Wilburton
8. What did Wikipedia say Banksy's work combines with dark humour?
 - a) post-renaissance styles
 - b) manga
 - c) graffiti
 - d) surrealism
9. What does Banksy's work comment on a lot?
 - a) love and hate
 - b) newspapers and the Internet
 - c) football and basketball
 - d) politics and society
10. What did a mayor say was against the spirit of Banksy and street art?
 - a) removing paintings
 - b) selling the art
 - c) making the art famous
 - d) reproducing the art

ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

Role A – Art galley

You think an art gallery is the best place for art. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Internet, the side of a bus or someone's home.

Role B – The Internet

You think the Internet is the best place for art. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): an art gallery, the side of a bus or someone's home.

Role C – The side of a bus

You think the side of a bus is the best place for art. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Internet, an art gallery or someone's home.

Role D – Someone's home

You think someone's home is the best place for art. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the Internet, the side of a bus or an art gallery.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'guerilla' and 'artist'.

guerilla	artist
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• focus• nearby• worth• right• back• angry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• while• over• left• dark• heavy• spirit
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STREET ART SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

Write five GOOD questions about street art in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

STREET ART DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'artist'?
- c) What do you know about street art?
- d) What do you think of Banksy's picture "Mobile Lovers"?
- e) What do you know about Banksy and his/her paintings?
- f) What is a "guerilla artist"? What do you think of this concept?
- g) If an artist puts a painting on a wall, can anyone take it?
- h) Who does the Banksy painting belong to?
- i) Should the painting be auctioned for the youth club?
- j) Why do people issue death threats over things like this?

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STREET ART DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What have mobile phones done for romance and love?
- c) What do you think when you see a couple on a date not talking because they are busy on their mobile?
- d) What do you think of the fact that no one knows who Banksy really is?
- e) Is Banksy more famous because he/she is a mystery?
- f) What do you think of graffiti as an art form?
- g) Should all paintings focus on social commentary and say something?
- h) What kind of art do you like and why?
- i) Should street art stay where it was done/painted?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Banksy?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The painting has been called "Mobile Lovers". It depicts a man and woman (7) ____ while checking out their mobile phones over one (8) ____ shoulder. Art by Banksy is much sought after the world over. The mysterious artist, who is only known by the (9) ____ Banksy, has become famous for paintings left on walls and buildings around the world. Many have been removed by building owners and caused similar spats. Wikipedia says Banksy's work combines, "(10) ____ humour with graffiti executed in a distinctive stenciling technique." Banksy's work is (11) ____ on political and social commentary. The city mayor said it was "against the (12) ____ of Banksy and street art" to remove it from where the artist put it.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) gorilla | (b) griller | (c) guerilla | (d) garrulous |
| 2. | (a) appeared | (b) appalled | (c) appareled | (d) appeased |
| 3. | (a) worth | (b) valued | (c) costed | (d) monetised |
| 4. | (a) right | (b) duty | (c) responsibility | (d) just |
| 5. | (a) elevate | (b) auction | (c) market | (d) tender |
| 6. | (a) throughout | (b) then | (c) otherwise | (d) since |
| 7. | (a) embarrassing | (b) embossing | (c) embracing | (d) emblazing |
| 8. | (a) others | (b) the other's | (c) other's | (d) another's |
| 9. | (a) pseudonym | (b) synonym | (c) neologism | (d) algorithm |
| 10. | (a) dark | (b) night | (c) black | (d) inky |
| 11. | (a) weighted | (b) heavy | (c) obese | (d) overweight |
| 12. | (a) inner self | (b) ghost | (c) spirit | (d) psyche |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. A new painting by the "lulirega artist" Banksy
2. The painting aeapeprd overnight on a building
3. doeceidvsr it was a Banksy
4. He peirsd it off the wall
5. Stinchcombe said it would be svndelaiad
6. He has since evcireed death threats

Paragraph 2

7. It depicts a man and woman nemcargib
8. much ustohg after the world over
9. The ssrmiyetuo artist
10. dark humour with tfrfiaig
11. a nievtsdtici stenciling technique
12. political and social mmrtyoecna

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () right to take the painting as it was on the wall of a city-owned building. The mayor wants
- () money for the youth club. He has since received death threats from angry Banksy fans.
- () of Bristol, England. The painting appeared overnight on a building. The leader of a nearby youth
- () by building owners and caused similar spats. Wikipedia says Banksy's work combines, "dark
- () embracing while checking out their mobile phones over one another's shoulder. Art by Banksy is much sought
- () The painting has been called "Mobile Lovers". It depicts a man and woman
- () the painting put back. Stinchcombe said it would be vandalised and hopes to auction it to raise
- () to \$150,000. He prised it off the wall using a crowbar and stored it in the youth club. However, the city mayor said Mr Stinchcombe had no
- (**1**) A new painting by the "guerilla artist" Banksy is currently the focus of a heated argument in the city
- () after the world over. The mysterious artist, who is only known by the pseudonym Banksy, has become famous
- () club, Dennis Stinchcombe, couldn't believe his luck when he saw it and discovered it was a Banksy that could be worth up
- () commentary. The city mayor said it was "against the spirit of Banksy and street art" to remove it from where the artist put it.
- () for paintings left on walls and buildings around the world. Many have been removed
- () humour with graffiti executed in a distinctive stenciling technique." Banksy's work is heavy on political and social

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

1. artist" Banksy A new painting by the . "guerilla

2. a of focus The Bristol of city the in argument heated.

3. could A , to be Banksy \$150,000 worth that up.

4. off using it wall crowbar prised the a He.

5. fans has death angry He received from since threats.

6. shoulder phones over Checking one their another's mobile.

7. world over Art by Banksy is much sought after the.

8. owners building by removed been have Many.

9. combines work Banksy's graffiti with humour dark.

10. Banksy and street art It was against the spirit of.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

A new painting by the "*guerilla / gorilla* artist" Banksy is currently the focus of a *heated / warmed* argument in the city of Bristol, England. The painting appeared overnight on a building. The leader of a *nearly / nearby* youth club, Dennis Stinchcombe, couldn't believe his *lucky / luck* when he saw it and discovered it was a Banksy that could be worth *up / high* to \$150,000. He prised it off the wall using a *bar / crowbar* and stored it in the youth club. However, the city mayor said Mr Stinchcombe had no *right / just* to take the painting as it was on the wall of a city-owned building. The mayor wants the painting *put / returned* back. Stinchcombe said it would be vandalised and hopes to auction it to *rise / raise* money for the youth club. He has since received death threats from angry Banksy *fans / fan*.

The painting has been called "Mobile Lovers". It *despises / depicts* a man and woman *embraces / embracing* while checking out their mobile phones over one another's shoulder. Art by Banksy is much *sought / seek* after the world *over / around*. The mysterious artist, who is only known *by / in* the pseudonym Banksy, has become famous for paintings left on walls and buildings around the world. Many have been *removal / removed* by building owners and *caused / causal* similar spats. Wikipedia says Banksy's work combines, "*dark / darkly* humour with graffiti executed in a distinctive stenciling *technical / technique*." Banksy's work is heavy on political and social commentary. The city mayor said it was "against the *ghost / spirit* of Banksy and street art" to remove it from where the artist put it.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ n_w p__nt_ng by th_ "g__r_ll_ _rt_st" B_nksy _s
c_rrntly th_ f_c_s _f _h__t_d _rg_m_nt _n th_ c_ty
_f Br_st_l, _ngl_nd. Th_ p__nt_ng _pp__r_d _v_rn_gh_t
_n _b__ld_ng. Th_ l__d_r _f _n__rby y__th cl_b,
D_nn_s St_nchc_mb_, c__ldn't b_l__v_ h_s l_ck wh_n
h_s_w _t _nd d_sc_v_r_d _t w_s _ B_nksy th_t c__ld
b_ w_rth _p_t_ \$150,000. H_ pr_s_d _t _ff th_ w_ll
_s_ng _ cr_wb_r _nd st_r_d _t _n th_ y__th cl_b.
H_w_v_r, th_ c_ty m_y_r_s__d Mr St_nchc_mb_ h_d n_
r_gh_t t_t_k_ th_ p__nt_ng _s _t w_s _n th_ w_ll _f _
c_ty-w_n_d b__ld_ng. Th_ m_y_r_w_n_t_s th_ p__nt_ng
p_t_b_ck. St_nchc_mb_ s__d _t w__ld b_ v_nd_l_s_d
_nd h_p_s_t _ct_n_t_t_r_s m_n_y_f_r th_ y__th
cl_b. H_h_s_s_nc_r_c__v_d d__th thr__ts fr_m _ngry
B_nksy f_ns.

Th_ p__nt_ng h_s b__n c_ll_d "M_b_l_ L_v_rs". _t
d_p_cts _m_n _nd w_m_n _mbr_c_ng wh_l_ ch_ck_ng
__t th__r m_b_l_ ph_n_s _v_r_n_ _n th_r's sh__ld_r.
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1404/140419-banksy.html>

a new painting by the "guerilla artist" banksy is currently the focus of a heated argument in the city of bristol england the painting appeared overnight on a building the leader of a nearby youth club dennis stinchcombe couldn't believe his luck when he saw it and discovered it was a banksy that could be worth up to \$150000 he prised it off the wall using a crowbar and stored it in the youth club however the city mayor said mr stinchcombe had no right to take the painting as it was on the wall of a city-owned building the mayor wants the painting put back stinchcombe said it would be vandalised and hopes to auction it to raise money for the youth club he has since received death threats from angry banksy fans

the painting has been called "mobile lovers" it depicts a man and woman embracing while checking out their mobile phones over one another's shoulder art by banksy is much sought after the world over the mysterious artist who is only known by the pseudonym banksy has become famous for paintings left on walls and buildings around the world many have been removed by building owners and caused similar spats wikipedia says banksy's work combines "dark humour with graffiti executed in a distinctive stenciling technique" banksy's work is heavy on political and social commentary the city mayor said it was "against the spirit of banksy and street art" to remove it from where the artist put it

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **street art** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Graffiti is real art and should be put in art galleries and museums. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Banksy. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. STREET ART: Make a poster about street art. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BANKSY: Write a magazine article about Banksy. Include imaginary interviews with Banksy and an art critic.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to Banksy. Ask him/her three questions about street art. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. heated | a. passionate |
| 2. appeared | b. turned up |
| 3. prised | c. pulled |
| 4. put back | d. returned |
| 5. raise | e. collect |
| 6. depicts | f. shows |
| 7. sought after | g. strived for |
| 8. combines | h. merges |
| 9. heavy on | i. profuse with |
| 10. commentary | j. opinion |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A "guerrilla artist"
2. On the wall of a building (in Bristol, England)
3. Up to \$150,000
4. A city mayor
5. A youth club
6. Mobile Lovers
7. No one knows
8. Graffiti
9. Politics and society
10. Removing paintings

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)