

Art and Creativity

Welcome to Talk Time!

Learn one another's names.
Discuss the "Idiom of the Week."

Let's get started

Look at the different pieces of art. Which one do you like best? What do you like about it? How does it make you feel?



Brainstorm as a group, and make a list.




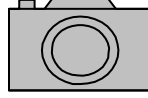

- What is art?
- What are some different art forms? For example, do you think music and dancing are forms of art? Do you think cartoons and comics are art? Why or why not?

Conversation skills

As we discuss, let's ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let's also use the phrase "Tell me more." The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

Discussion:

Interview your partner about art. Write his/her name in the far left column. Say, "Do you like to _____?" and then ask him/her to explain. Take notes as you listen.

| Name | Paint? Draw?  | Listen to music? Play music?  | Dance?  | Take photographs?  | Go to art museums?  |
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Share with the group: What is one interesting fact you learned about your partner?

Discuss questions as a group.

What art form do you like best? What art form would you like to learn?

What is creativity? Do you consider yourself a creative person? Why?

What is something creative that you have done?

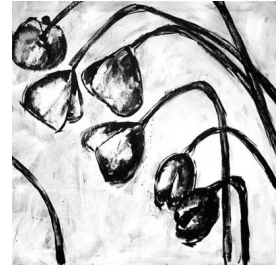
What would life be like without art? Why is art important?

Is art important in your home country? Does your country value artists? Explain.

How is art in your country different than art in America?

Why do people become professional artists?

What do you think of abstract art? What do you think of Picasso's work?



Do you enjoy going to the theater? What kind?

Were you interested in art when you were young?

What are some creative activities to do with children?

Did you have a strong imagination as a child? What did you imagine?

Do you enjoy making things with your hands? Explain.

Have you been to a museum in the last year? Why or why not?

What is your favorite musical instrument? What do you like about it?

Have you ever been to a concert? Tell us about your experience.

Do your friends or family sing or play musical instruments? Explain.

Do you like to doodle? What kinds of doodles do you make? Where and when do you doodle?

Do you think it is proper to call nude paintings art?

Read the quotes about art (see additional handout). Do you agree or disagree? Which quote is your favorite?

Reflect:

What did you learn today? What did you learn about yourself or someone in the group? What language did you practice? What do you want to talk about next week? Discuss as a group.