

Pre-Intermediate 2
Unit 7 Dialog
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At an Art Gallery

art gallery = a place where artists show their works of art to the people

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put on = produce, organize, arrange

exhibit = an object or collection of objects on public display in an art gallery or a museum or at a trade fair

- object = thing
- on public display = for people to see
- trade fair = a place where different businesspeople come together to show their products

exhibit = the works of art on public display

exhibit (American) = **exhibition** (British)

latest = recent

pay a visit = visit

Philip: I really like this painting. It's very interesting.

Howard: Oh, come on! You're just saying that.

interesting ≠ boring

come on = stop talking like talk

You're just saying that. = You aren't speaking seriously.

Philip: No, I mean it. I think it's one of the most interesting paintings I've ever seen.

Howard: Well, thanks for saying so. I'm glad you like it.

I mean it. = I am speaking seriously.

masterpiece = an excellent work of art

work of art = an artist's product

- Philip thinks Howard's painting is a masterpiece.
- *Mona Lisa* is Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece.

so = like this, as such

glad = happy, pleased

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prefer X to Y

- *Howard prefers oil paintings to watercolor paintings.*



Watercolor Paints



Oil Paints



A Watercolor Painting



An Oil Painting

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Sample Summary:

The dialog is between Howard, an artist, and Philip, his friend, who are at an art gallery where Howard is exhibiting his latest paintings. Philip compliments one of Howard's paintings and says it is very interesting, but Howard doubts his sincerity and thinks he is just being polite. Philip assures Howard that he really likes the painting and finds it very intriguing, and Howard thanks him for his appreciation and expresses his happiness. Philip asks Howard if he also has any watercolor paintings, but Howard says he does not and that he prefers oil paintings as his medium of choice. Philip concludes by saying that the exhibit is interesting, implying that he respects Howard's artistic vision and style.

Sample Summary (Simple Version):

Howard is an artist and his friend Philip is visiting an art gallery where Howard's latest paintings are on display. Philip says he likes one of Howard's paintings and finds it interesting. Howard thinks Philip is just being polite and doesn't really mean it. Philip reassures Howard that he truly likes the painting and finds it fascinating. Howard thanks him and is happy. Philip asks if Howard has any watercolor paintings, but Howard says he only works with oil paintings. Philip ends by saying the exhibit is interesting, showing he respects Howard's artistic choices and style.

More Information:

Paintings can be categorized based on the type of paint used. Here are some common types:

1. **Oil Paintings:** Made using oil-based paints. They are known for their rich colors and durability.
2. **Watercolor Paintings:** Created with water-soluble paints. These paintings have a light and transparent quality.

3. **Acrylic Paintings:** Made with fast-drying acrylic paints. They are versatile and can mimic oil or watercolor effects.
4. **Gouache Paintings:** Similar to watercolors but more opaque, providing a solid and vibrant look.
5. **Pastel Paintings:** Made with pastel sticks. They have a soft and velvety texture.
6. **Tempera Paintings:** Created with egg yolk mixed with pigment. This technique was popular in the Middle Ages.
7. **Ink Paintings:** Made using various inks, often seen in traditional East Asian art.
8. **Spray Paintings:** Created using spray paint, often associated with street art and graffiti.

Each type of paint brings its own unique qualities and effects to the artwork, allowing artists to express themselves in different ways.

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