

### 3 READING

a Read the text. Mark the sentences T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Vincent van Gogh was famous during his life. F
- 2 Vincent was from Germany. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Theo van Gogh was Vincent's father. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Vincent was a good student. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Vincent was a happy person. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Vincent's paintings weren't popular in his life. \_\_\_\_\_

## A FAMOUS PAINTER

Today the **artist** Vincent van Gogh is very famous, but he was never famous during his life.

Vincent was Dutch. His family was from a small **village** in the Netherlands. His brother, Theo, was a very important person in his life. Vincent was usually **poor**, but his brother was always there to help him.



Vincent was interested in school, but he wasn't a very good student. He was always good at painting, but he wasn't a painter at first. He was a teacher and an assistant in a bookstore. After the age of 27, painting was his only job, but he wasn't **successful**. He was never really happy, and he was often **sick**. When he was only 37, he ended his life.

When Vincent was **alive**, he wasn't famous and his paintings weren't **popular**. Today his pictures are very expensive, and you can see them in museums all over the world.

b Look at the **highlighted** words. What do you think they mean? Check with your dictionary.

### 4 VOCABULARY *in, at, on*: places

Where were these people yesterday? Write sentences with *in, at, or on* and a word from the list.

train   street   work   boat   beach   the park



1 *She was on the train* .



2 \_\_\_\_\_ .



3 \_\_\_\_\_ .



4 \_\_\_\_\_ .



5 \_\_\_\_\_ .



6 \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 5 LISTENING

**iChecker** Listen to the conversations. Choose a or b.

- 1 A famous person was at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a gym                                      b supermarket
- 2 The woman was on vacation \_\_\_\_\_.  
a at the beach                      b in the mountains
- 3 James was \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.  
a in school                              b at the movie theater
- 4 The man was in Paris \_\_\_\_\_.  
a for work                              b on vacation

## USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

**painter** /'peɪntər/  
**artist** /'ɑːrtɪst/  
**village** /'vɪlɪdʒ/  
**poor** /pɔːr/  
**successful** /sək'sesfl/  
**sick** /sɪk/  
**alive** /ə'laɪv/  
**popular** /'pɒpjələr/  
**lucky** /'lʌki/  
**clean** /kliːn/