

CHECK!

Recommending a cultural event

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

Let's check!

- Can I recommend a cultural event?
- Can I use a range of vocabulary and phrases related to arts and culture?
- Can I talk about important cultural figures and institutions in my country?
- Can I describe a cultural event using a range of vocabulary and phrases?





Discuss

Describe the picture below.

Have you ever been to a **similar event**? Did you enjoy it?





Learning outcome 1

Can I use a range of vocabulary and phrases related to arts and culture?



Cities and culture

Choose a city below. Use a search engine to find out five facts about it.

Share your findings with the class.



Mexico City



Melbourne



New Delhi



Bangkok



Let's check! Feedback round

Your teacher will now highlight what was done well and some mistakes that were made **in the last activity** for you to reflect on



Good examples



Find the mistake



Learning outcome 2

Can I talk about important cultural figures and institutions in my country?



Arts and culture in your country

Describe a city in your country, using the prompts below. Complete this activity **in breakout rooms or in the main class**. If using breakout rooms, **share three** surprising facts you learned about your partner's city with the rest of the class afterwards!





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Good examples



Find the mistake



Learning outcome 3

Can I describe a cultural event using a range of vocabulary and phrases?

Write a review

1. **Write** a social media review of one of the cultural events below.
2. **Give** your review a headline and a rating out of five stars.
3. **Read** your review to your teacher.

Art exhibition

- Contemporary sculpture
 - Award-winning
 - Not many visitors

Comedy show

- Funny and sad
- Well-known venue
- Famous comedian

Film festival

- Some films were good but others were bad
 - Lots of variety
- Everything started on time

Rock concert

- They didn't play their biggest songs
 - Started late
 - Very expensive

Dance performance

- Confusing
 - Long
- Student performers





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Good examples



Find the mistake





End of the lesson

Idiom

A class act

Meaning: Someone or something that is very impressive and/or stylish.



Additional practice



Discuss

Explain when you might use each of these phrases, then think of an example sentence.

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Hats off to...

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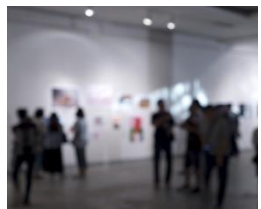
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...didn't get it

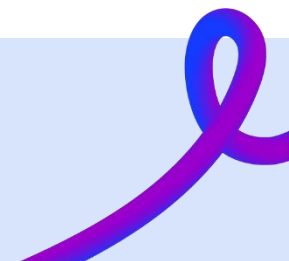
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...hit or miss

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Passive voice

Make sentences in the **passive voice** using the words in the boxes. Use the correct **tense**.

1 bad weather / event / to postpone
(present perfect)



The event **has been postponed**
because of bad weather.

2 all the tickets / to sell / exhibition
(present perfect)



3 the painting / to fly / from London / to Venice
(present continuous)



4 the performance / to show / television
(present continuous)



5 the band / to give / award / latest album
(present perfect)



6 the city / to choose / next Olympics
(present perfect)





Planning a cultural event

Plan your own cultural event. You can use one of the prompts below or come up with your own.
Describe your event to your teacher. Your teacher will ask you questions about it.



Music festival

Who is playing?

What style of music?

Where? When?
Why should we go?



Art exhibition

Which artists?

What kind of art?

Where? When?
Why should we go?



Comedy festival

Which comedians?

What kind of comedy?

Where? When?
Why should we go?



Film festival

Which directors and actors?

What genres of film?

Where? When?
Why should we go?



Dance show

Which dancers?

What kind of dance?

Where? When?
Why should we go?



Discuss

When a place has a tradition (of something), it means it has a long history of a particular activity or art form.

What are some traditions in your country?

Describe them to your classmates.

Answer any questions your classmates might have.

Choose one of your classmates to go next.





Summary

Exploring arts and culture

Cultural cities: Vienna, Granada, New York:

- Granada was the birthplace of the poet Lorca
- Vienna has a rich tradition of classical music
- New York is world-renowned for artists like Andy Warhol and Jean-Michel Basquiat

Cultural life of the city:

- architecture, landmarks
- historical figures, cultural events
- parks and nature, museums and galleries

Describing your city:

- *It's referred to as...*
- *It's been known as...*
- *It's been called...*

Useful phrases:

- *to make a name (for oneself)*
- *Art lovers*
- *to develop*



Summary

More on passives

We use the passive voice when the subject...

- ...is unknown
- ...is obvious to the listener
- ...is unimportant

Passive voice: present continuous

- We use this to talk about actions that are happening right now, or at the moment
- is/are + *being* + past participle
- *Live events **are being held** throughout the week at various locations*

Passive voice: present perfect

- We use this for the same reasons we use it in the active form – to talk about recent actions, experiences, and ongoing actions/situations
- have/has + *been* + past participle
- *The city centre **has been transformed** into an art lover's paradise*

Changes to your town or city

- *A new theatre has been built*
- *A music festival has been started*
- *More exhibitions are being held*



Summary

Reviewing a cultural event

Cultural events

- Cultural events include art exhibitions, concerts, comedy shows...
- It is very common to write reviews of your experiences at these events on social media
- Reading these reviews can be useful for recommendations

Useful vocabulary

- venue, line up, act
- to be blown away (by something)
- pretentious, uninspiring

Useful phrases

- Positive: Hats off to..., (There's) something for everyone, (It) never disappoints
- Negative: hiccups, hit or miss



Vocabulary

art lover

birthplace

World Heritage Site

known

world-renowned

tradition

rich

iconic

to refer (to something)



Vocabulary

spectacular

to take a stroll

to hold (an event)



Vocabulary

concert

venue

line-up

film festival

comedy show

hiccups

act

to get

to be blown away by...

hit or miss

pretentious

uninspiring

(There's) something for everyone

(It) never disappoints

Hats off to..



Notes

