Easter Island

Far off the coast of Chile is Easter Island, which contains over 900 giant statues of heads. These heads were sculpted by the Polynesian Rapa Nui people who lived there between the 13th and 16th centuries. Recently, it was discovered that these heads actually have bodies underground. Almost half remain near the quarry where they were created, but the rest were somehow transported to the edge of the island. Some people believe the statues are connected to aliens who visited Earth, but this can't be true! No one knows exactly how they moved these statues, but scientists think they may have an answer. The statues walked! Each statue weighs the same as about five cars. At first, people thought that humans couldn't move them, but scientists have shown how with just three ropes and eighteen people it is possible to walk these statues across the island. Images from the air have even shown the marks left on the land that show the paths these statues traveled.

Nazca Lines

On the highest deserts of Nazca in Peru are giant drawings of Ilamas, monkeys, spiders, and fish. These were created by the Nazca people, who turned over the red rocks and exposed the lighter ground underneath. Their size and the fact that the design can only be seen from directly above has left people wondering how and why they were made. Some people think the images resemble star patterns and others think they could be linked to long lines that connect underground water sources. Some even believe the images were created to try to communicate with aliens.



An anonymous artist

Banksy is one of the most famous British artists. His satirical street art appears unexpectedly in locations all over the world. In 2006, Banksy managed to shut down Disneyland in California after creating a life-size replica of a Guantanamo Bay prisoner inside the park. In 2013, he collaborated with Os Gemeos, identical twin brothers famous for their street art in Brazil, on a piece that was largely seen as a critique of the art world. But Banksy almost never does interviews, and no one knows his real identity. Some people think that he might not be a young street kid. They think that he could be from a rich, middle-class family. Other people think that one person can't have produced all that work and so there must be a whole group of artists working as "Banksy."

Speculate and make deductions

- 1 Look closely at the works of art on this page. What do you notice about them?
- 2 (1) 089 Read and listen What is the best title for the article?
 - a The Greatest Works of Art
 - **b** Great Art Mysteries
 - c Great Art Fakes

	Read these statements. Label them F (fact) or G (guess)
	according to the text.

- 1 The Nazca lines were created by moving rocks.
- 2 The lines may be connected to water underground.
- 3 The Easter Island "heads" have bodies.
- 4 The statues were walked across the island.
- 5 Banksy's works of art usually appear in a surprising way.
- **6** Banksy is just one person.

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Fun fact

Graffiti is illegal in New York, but Banksy was given special permission to hold a month-long graffiti art project there in October 2015.



Use your imagination

Vocabulary: Art C p.82

1 Match the pictures with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

painting drawing sculpture textiles ceramics computer graphics street art photography architecture

















challenging

amazing

Adjectives of opinion C p.83

2 Find the word that does not belong.

1 wonderful weird strange2 fantastic wonderful ridiculous3 inspiring unusual weird

4 amazing fantastic 5 wonderful awful

6 shocking unusual original

Grammar: Modals of deduction: present possibility C p.85

- 3 Read the sentences and answer the questions.
 - a She must be a student.
 - **b** He may/might/could be right.
 - c She can't be English.
 - 1 Which sentence expresses impossibility?
 - 2 Which sentence expresses possibility?
 - 3 Which sentence expresses certainty?
- 4 Are these sentences possible, certain, or impossible? Write P, C, or I.
 - 1 That painting must be by Toledo.
 - 2 They might prefer tea to coffee.
 - 3 It can't be ten o'clock already!
 - 4 Come on! You must have a pen in your bag.
 - 5 You can't like that awful painting!
 - **6** Gwen could be at work.

- 5 Complete the sentences with *must*, *might*, or *can't*.
 - 1 That be Ross. I know he's in Atlanta.
 - 2 It isn't A, B, or D, so the answer be C.
 - 3 This isn't my phone, but it be Sam's. I'll ask her.
 - 4 You've eaten a lot of cake. You love it
 - 5 That be our train. It's too early.
 - 6 Dinner be ready, but I'm not sure.

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