

Word on the Street

Pop-up Galleries

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the documentary. What is a 'pop-up art gallery'? Choose the correct description.

- It's a temporary exhibition in a traditional art gallery where you can meet and chat with artists.
- It's a temporary exhibition in a school which tries to get young people interested in art.
- It's a temporary exhibition in an empty building where artists can show their work.

Activity 2

Which of the sentences are true, and which are false?

- Pop-up galleries are quite a new idea in London.
- They're created very quickly.
- They're usually open for a few weeks or a month.
- They sometimes use buildings without the owner's permission.
- You have to pay a small fee to get in.
- The atmosphere is less formal than

in a normal gallery.

- They usually show work by younger or newer artists.
- Artists are not allowed to sell their work at a pop-up gallery.

Activity 3

Use the adjectives to complete the sentences from the documentary.

tough / vibrant / free / fantastic /
emerging / informal / affordable / excellent
/ established

- London is famous for its _____ art scene.
- Traditional galleries take on fewer artists when times are _____.
- Pop-up galleries are a good opportunity for people to see _____ artists.
- It's _____ to come in.
- We try to make an _____ environment for people to buy _____ art.
- I think it's a _____ use of space.
- It's an _____ opportunity to display work, ...
- ... which I might not be able to do in a more _____ gallery.

Discussion

- Where do you normally go to see art?
- What venues display new art for

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sale in your country?

- Why might artists like a smaller place to show their art?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

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Answers

Activity 1

c. It's a temporary exhibition in an empty building where artists can show their work.

Activity 2

1. true
2. true
3. false
4. false
5. false
6. true
7. true
8. false

Activity 3

1. London is famous for its vibrant art scene.
2. Traditional galleries take on fewer artists when times are tough.
3. Pop-up galleries are a good opportunity for people to see emerging artists.
4. It's free to come in.
5. We try to make an informal environment for people to buy affordable art.
6. I think it's a fantastic use of space.
7. It's an excellent opportunity to display work, ...
8. ... which I might not be able to do in a more established gallery.