

Banksy's latest mural is in my garden!

Imagine looking out of your window and seeing a painting by a famous artist in your garden! Watch the video to find out about an artwork by street-artist Banksy.

Before watching

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. to confirm
2. to deny
3. spray paint
4. a vandal
5. a masterpiece
6. an immigrant
7. a mural
8. to deface

Definition

- a. paint kept in a metal container and applied as a spray
- b. a work of art, such as a painting, that is made with great skill
- c. a large picture painted on the wall of a building
- d. to say that something is true
- e. someone who intentionally damages other people's property
- f. to damage the appearance of something by writing or drawing on it
- g. to say that something is not true
- h. someone who has come to a different country to live there permanently

Tasks

Task 1

Write a number (1–8) to put the events in the order they happened.

- _____ People continue to come to see the picture.
- _____ Then Carlos realised that the picture was a masterpiece.
- _____ Crowds of people started arriving outside Carlos Serrano's garden.
- 1 A picture was spray-painted on the wall of Carlos Serrano's garden.
- _____ Banksy confirmed that the painting was his work.
- _____ At first Carlos thought that vandals had painted the picture.
- _____ The local authorities put up barriers.
- _____ The mural was defaced.

Task 2

Complete the text with words from the box.

stepped back	community	immigrant	assumed
masterpiece	shocked	picture	experience

Carlos was (1)..... when he first saw the garden wall. He (2)..... it had been spray-painted by vandals. But when he (3)..... and saw the whole (4)....., he realised he was looking at a (5)..... Having crowds outside his window has been a great (6)..... for him, because, being an (7)....., it has really made him feel as if he belongs in the (8).....

Discussion

Is there any street art where you live? What do you think of street art?

Answers

Preparation task

1. d
2. g
3. a
4. e
5. b
6. h
7. c
8. f

Task 1

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Task 2

1. shocked
2. assumed
3. stepped back
4. picture
5. masterpiece
6. experience
7. immigrant
8. community