

CLASS C' GYMNASIUM

UNITS 1- 2

Teacher: Jovanna Xenophontos

TASK 1: Questions 1-5

Read the article about five people who blog about how the arts benefit children.

For each question (1-5), write the correct letter A, B, C, D or E on the line. There is one person whose blog you will not need to use.



A. Jasper

Researchers tell us that children who participate in arts programmes over a long period of time improve the skills we use to communicate and interact with each other, such as sharing and cooperation. They also tell us that children who participate in art programmes show reduced shyness and reduced aggressive behaviour. Art can also be used as therapy. It can help people overcome the effects of illnesses, or it may calm a troubled mind.

B. Mike

Painting, sculpting, drawing, and photography are relaxing and rewarding activities that can lower your stress levels and lead to an overall improvement in well-being. Creating art can take your mind off life's many stresses, at least momentarily. It encourages a more positive approach to life, clears some head space and provides a relaxing, open environment where artists feel safe to explore their own creativity. It can also help create a happy mood not only in the artist, but also in people around them.

C. Melanie

While participating in music, children must watch and listen to each other in order to know when and how to make a contribution to a piece of music. The same applies to experiences in dance and theatre. Keeping a balance between listening and contributing involves a great deal of concentration and focus. It requires each participant to think about their role and how their role contributes to the big picture of what is being created. Recent research has shown that participation in the arts encourages discipline and improves children's ability to focus all their attention to what they are doing.

D. Kate

Painting helps develop muscle control. Working with a paintbrush, drawing dots and lines, mixing colours, cutting with scissors, controlling a glue stick or squeezing a glue bottle, kneading and rolling playdough, tearing paper—all of these tasks require increasing amounts of skillfulness and coordination, yet they are so fun and rewarding that children *want* to do them over and over. As kids engage in art activities over time, their fine motor skills improve.

E. Mary

There is an increasing amount of scientific evidence that shows art improves brain function. It has an impact on brain wave patterns and emotions. It can change a person's outlook and the way they experience the world because it teaches us that there is more than one solution to the same problem. In this sense, it challenges our beliefs and encourages open-ended thinking that creates an environment of creative thinking in problem solving.

Adapted from: <https://colors-newyork.com>

Who says that the arts _____?	
1. makes you a more optimistic person	
2. makes you more self-controlled and able to concentrate better	
3. helps children improve their social skills	
4. helps children be friendlier and more confident?	
5. change a person's general attitude to life	

TASK 2 -Questions 6-15

For each question, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

8-Year-Old Painter's Works Sell for Up to \$50,000



At an age when most people's art only gets as far as the refrigerator door, Aelita Andre is showing 6. _____ in galleries – and receiving praise from the international art community. The exceptionally talented 8-year-old did her first painting 7. _____ she was only 9 months old, and first had her work publicly exhibited at the age of 22 months.

8. _____ then, it's been onward and upward. Aelita's work is now 9. _____ display in *Gagliardi Gallery* in London and it has even been 10. _____ to the work of Jackson Pollock and Picasso.

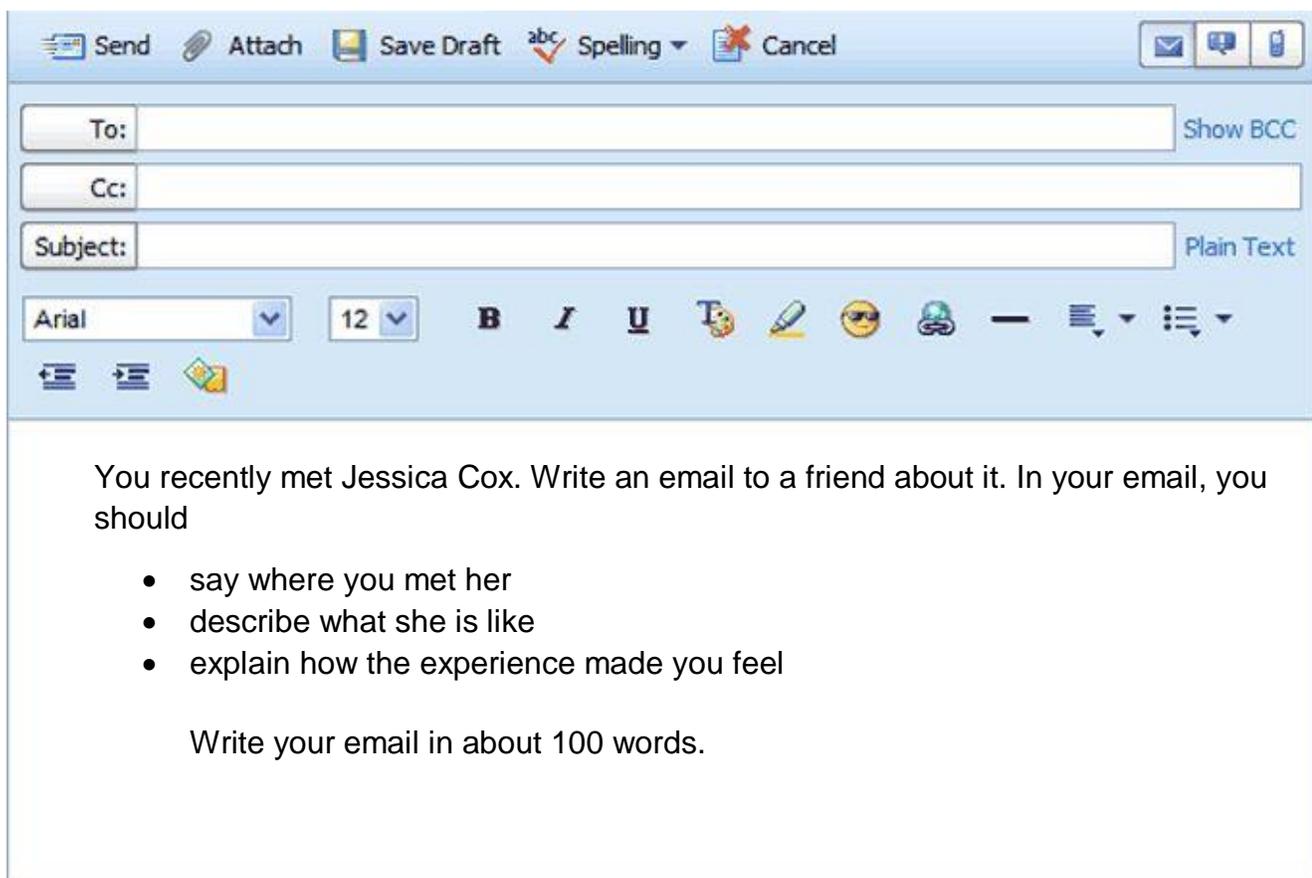
Her works have fetched up to \$50,000 but she's set on higher goals than 11. _____ money. "It is my dream to save nature, travel to space, and be a paleontologist and a scientist," said Andre, 12. _____ mother told *Newsivity* magazine her daughter asked her not to cook meat in the house because she didn't want to see animals hurt. Andre 13. _____ headlined the London Biennale at *The Capital of Contemporary Art*, and her work will be featured on German television over the coming months. Aelita is the youngest artist 14. _____ to stage a solo museum show in the 15. _____ of art.

Adapted from: <https://people.com/celebrity/aelita-andre-painter-is-worlds-youngest-professional>

- 6. A. her B. she's C. hers D. she
- 7. A. when B. where C. what D. why
- 8. A. So far B. Since C. Yet D. Already
- 9. A. at B. in C. on D. from

10. A. compared B. liked C. similar D. same
11. A. winning B. gaining C. doing D. making
12. A. which B. whose C. who's D. whom
13. A. recently B. last C. already D. ago
14. A. just B. never C. ever D. before
15. A. story B. storey C. history D. the past

TASK 3 – Question 16



The image shows a screenshot of an email composition window. At the top, there is a toolbar with buttons for Send, Attach, Save Draft, Spelling, and Cancel. Below the toolbar are fields for To, Cc, and Subject. The Subject field is currently empty and labeled "Plain Text". Below the fields is a rich text editor toolbar with options for font (Arial), size (12), bold, italic, underline, text color, background color, link, unlink, and list. The main body of the email contains the following text:

You recently met Jessica Cox. Write an email to a friend about it. In your email, you should

- say where you met her
- describe what she is like
- explain how the experience made you feel

Write your email in about 100 words.