



# Art Collector

Teaching package

## DON'T TOUCH

**As a collector** you naturally want to look after your paintings. You don't want them damaged, discoloured, or worse: stolen. With the following research, you find out how the museum protects its masterpieces.

**1** Choose a work from your collection and go to the room where it hangs.

Look around. How is your artwork protected? Choose from the following answers. You can choose more than one answer. If you don't know, just ask!

- The painting is behind glass
- A security guard keeps a watchful eye
- You have to stay behind a fence/rope
- There is a security camera
- Eating and drinking are forbidden
- Other:

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**2** Backpacks and selfie sticks are not allowed in the museum. Why do you think that is?

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**3** Now we'd like to know your opinion. Do you think that we're protecting your painting well? Choose yes or no.

Yes, I'm satisfied, because:

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No, it's not enough, because:

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**4** When protecting works of art, the museum visitors come to mind. But art also has invisible 'enemies', such as air and light. The museum keeps an eye on this. When a work is loaned to another museum, that museum is also checked.

What happens when a work of art gets too much light? For example, think of a photo that is left in the sun.

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5 We call a person who travels with a work of art a courier. They carefully examine all the circumstances. Fill in the report for your work!



## REPORT FOR ARTWORK

Title: .....

Courier: .....

### LIGHT

Are there windows in the room? .....

Are there lights/spotlights on the ceiling? .....

How much light is there in this space:

None ○○○○○○○○○○ A lot

### AIR

Stand in the middle of the room. What is the temperature?

- It is warm, must be around 25 degrees
- It is not warm and not cold, around 15 degrees
- It is cold, about 5 degrees

Is there wind/air circulation:

None ○○○○○○○○○○ A lot

Compare your answers with another courier: are you in agreement?

- Yes
- No

Your joint final assessment:

The artwork can/cannot be exhibited here. If it 'can': for a maximum period of

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## Discover more!

Want to install the works yourself?  
Choose assignment: *Your museum*

Want to see how warm it is outside?  
Choose assignment: *Sculpture garden*

