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Conception to birth sculptures unveiled in Qatar

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THE ARTICLE

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The new artwork was created by the British artist Damien Hirst. He is famous for his art installations that include dead sharks and cows in clear plastic boxes. His new modern-art work is called The Miraculous Journey. It consists of 14 giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from conception to birth. The first exhibit shows a human sperm entering an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo, which then turns into a fetus in a giant womb. The final sculpture is of a newborn baby. The very detailed exhibits are between 5 and 14 meters high. They have been installed in front of a women's healthcare center in Qatar.

Not everyone is happy with the sculptures. They are very controversial in Qatar. Layla Ibrahim, a Qatari art specialist, said: "They are not meant to be decorative, they are meant to create debates. We are not expecting everyone to like them [or] understand them." She added: "We believe it reflects the hospital's mission of taking care of the healthcare of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first naked sculpture in the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The journey a baby goes through before birth is bigger than anything it will experience in its human life. I hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a sense of awe and wonder at this extraordinary human process."

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WARM-UPS

1. SCULPTURES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about sculptures. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

artwork / artist / famous / plastic / sculptures / conception / birth / embryo / womb / controversial / debate / hospital / mission / healthcare / naked / baby / awe / human

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ART: Students A **strongly** believe art must create discussion; Students B **strongly** believe it doesn't have to create discussion. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ARTISTS: What is your favourite artwork from these artists? Why? What discussion does it create? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Favourite artwork	Why?	Discussion
Painters			
Computer graphics			
Sculptors			
Dancers			
Potter			
Photographers			

5. BIRTH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "birth". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ART MATERIALS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best art materials at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- bronze
- oil paints
- wood
- stone
- clay
- dead animals
- people
- food

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. unveiled | a. An unborn life form in the process of developing into a baby. For a human, this is approximately from the second to the eighth week after life begins in the egg. |
| 2. miraculous | b. Amazing, unbelievable, remarkable and extraordinary. |
| 3. journey | c. Is made up of; contains. |
| 4. consists | d. Showed or announced publicly for the first time. |
| 5. conception | e. The organ in the lower part of a woman's body where babies start and grow before they are born. |
| 6. embryo | f. A long and often difficult process; an act of traveling from one place to another. |
| 7. womb | g. The point when an egg in a woman's body starts to create a new life. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. controversial | h. An important task to reach a goal. |
| 9. debate | i. Shows. |
| 10. reflects | j. Showing courage; ready to face danger or pain. |
| 11. mission | k. Creating or likely to create public disagreement. |
| 12. naked | l. A formal discussion on a particular topic in a meeting, in which opposing arguments are put forward. |
| 13. brave | m. A feeling that something or someone is totally, totally, totally incredible, believable and amazing. |
| 14. awe | n. Having no clothes on. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The new artwork is outside a hospital in Doha, Qatar. **T / F**
- b. The artist has used dead cows and dead sheep in his past art works. **T / F**
- c. The first sculpture is of a sperm entering an egg. **T / F**
- d. One of the sculptures is 140 meters high. **T / F**
- e. Everyone in Qatar is happy with the sculptures. **T / F**
- f. An art specialist said the sculptures will create debate. **T / F**
- g. The artist said it is the second naked sculpture in the Middle East. **T / F**
- h. The artist hopes the sculpture will make people have more children. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1. unveiled | a. feeling |
| 2. created | b. last |
| 3. consists of | c. put |
| 4. final | d. made |
| 5. installed | e. nude |
| 6. specialist | f. remarkable |
| 7. reflects | g. revealed |
| 8. naked | h. shows |
| 9. sense | i. expert |
| 10. extraordinary | j. includes |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. A new artwork has been | a. an egg |
| 2. He is famous for his art | b. 5 and 14 meters high |
| 3. the beginning of human life from | c. mission |
| 4. a human sperm entering | d. everyone to like them |
| 5. The very detailed exhibits are between | e. installations |
| 6. They are very | f. and wonder |
| 7. They are not meant | g. unveiled in Doha, Qatar |
| 8. We are not expecting | h. to be decorative |
| 9. the hospital's | i. conception to birth |
| 10. a sense of awe | j. controversial in Qatar |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

The new artwork was created by the British artist Damien Hirst. He is famous for his (1) _____ installations that include dead sharks and cows in (2) _____ plastic boxes. His new modern-art work is called The Miraculous Journey. It (3) _____ of 14 giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from (4) _____ to birth. The first exhibit shows a human (5) _____ entering an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo, which then turns into a (6) _____ in a giant womb. The final sculpture is of a newborn baby. The very detailed (7) _____ are between 5 and 14 meters high. They have been (8) _____ in front of a women's healthcare center in Qatar.

clear
sperm
installed
art
conception
exhibits
consists
fetus

Not everyone is (9) _____ with the sculptures. They are very controversial in Qatar. Layla Ibrahim, a Qatari art specialist, said: "They are not meant to be (10) _____, they are meant to create debates. We are not (11) _____ everyone to like them [or] understand them." She added: "We believe it reflects the hospital's (12) _____ of taking care of the healthcare of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first (13) _____ sculpture in the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The (14) _____ a baby goes through before birth is bigger than anything it will (15) _____ in its human life. I hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a sense of (16) _____ and wonder at this extraordinary human process."

journey
happy
experience
expecting
awe
naked
decorative
mission

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

- 1) famous for his art installations that include dead sharks and cows in _____
 - a. cleared plastic box is
 - b. clears plastic box sets
 - c. clearly plastic boxes
 - d. clear plastic boxes
- 2) giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from _____
 - a. conceptual to birth
 - b. conception to birth
 - c. concept shun to birth
 - d. concept shun too birth
- 3) producing an embryo, which then turns into a fetus in _____
 - a. a giant comb
 - b. a giant bomb
 - c. a giant womb
 - d. a giant tomb
- 4) The very detailed exhibits are between 5 and _____
 - a. 14 meters height
 - b. 14 meters highs
 - c. 14 meters highly
 - d. 14 meters high
- 5) They have been installed in front of a women's _____
 - a. healthcare central
 - b. healthcare center
 - c. healthcare centers
 - d. healthcare centering
- 6) They are very _____ Qatar
 - a. controversially in
 - b. controversy in
 - c. contra-verse shall in
 - d. controversial in
- 7) They are not meant to be decorative, they are meant to _____
 - a. creates debates
 - b. create debates
 - c. created debates
 - d. creator debates
- 8) the hospital's mission of taking care of the healthcare of women _____
 - a. and baby is
 - b. and baby's
 - c. and babies'
 - d. and babies
- 9) Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first _____
 - a. nuked sculpture
 - b. necked sculpture
 - c. naked sculpture
 - d. Nike sculpture
- 10) I hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a sense of _____
 - a. awe and wonder
 - b. or and wonder
 - c. ore and wonder
 - d. awl and wonder

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

The new artwork (1) _____ the British artist Damien Hirst. He is (2) _____ art installations that include dead sharks and cows in clear plastic boxes. His new modern-art work is called The Miraculous Journey. It (3) _____ giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from conception to birth. The first (4) _____ human sperm entering an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo, which then turns into a fetus in a giant womb. The final sculpture is (5) _____ baby. The very detailed exhibits are between 5 and 14 meters high. They have been (6) _____ of a women's healthcare center in Qatar.

Not everyone (7) _____ the sculptures. They are very controversial in Qatar. Layla Ibrahim, a Qatari art specialist, said: "They are not meant (8) _____, they are meant to create debates. We are not expecting everyone to like them [or] understand them." She added: "We believe (9) _____ hospital's mission of taking care of the healthcare of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first (10) _____ the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The journey a baby goes through before birth is bigger than anything it will (11) _____ human life. I hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a (12) _____ and wonder at this extraordinary human process."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

1. What is the name of the artist who created the sculptures?
2. What animals has the artist used in his artworks?
3. How many giant statues are part of the exhibit?
4. What is shown in a giant womb?
5. How high is the tallest sculpture?
6. What is Layla Ibrahim's job?
7. What did Layla Ibrahim say the sculptures reflect?
8. Where did the artist say his sculpture was the first naked sculpture?
9. What did the artist say a baby's journey was bigger than?
10. What sense did the artist hope the sculptures would create?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

- 1) What is the name of the artist who created the sculptures?
 - a) Fernando Botero
 - b) Damien Hirst
 - c) Nam June Paik
 - d) Yousef Ahmad
- 2) What animals has the artist used in his artworks?
 - a) donkeys and hamsters
 - b) elephants and rhinos
 - c) frogs and alligators
 - d) sharks and cows
- 3) How many giant statues are part of the exhibit?
 - a) 14
 - b) 12
 - c) 10
 - d) 16
- 4) What is shown in a giant womb?
 - a) a fingerprint
 - b) a smile
 - c) a fetus
 - d) a hospital
- 5) How high is the tallest sculpture?
 - a) 5 metres
 - b) 14 meters
 - c) 72 meters
 - d) 112 meters
- 6) What is Layla Ibrahim's job?
 - a) an art specialist
 - b) a sculptor
 - c) a writer
 - d) a doctor
- 7) What did Layla Ibrahim say the sculptures reflect?
 - a) birth
 - b) life
 - c) a hospital's mission
 - d) the meaning of life
- 8) Where did the artist say his sculpture was the first naked sculpture?
 - a) the Middle East
 - b) a hospital
 - c) Qatar
 - d) the Gulf
- 9) What did the artist say a baby's journey was bigger than?
 - a) anything in life
 - b) a round the world trip
 - c) a trip to the moon
 - d) love
- 10) What sense did the artist hope the sculptures would create?
 - a) smell
 - b) the sixth sense
 - c) common sense
 - d) awe and wonder

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bronze

You think bronze is the best art material. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their materials. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): clay, food or oil paint.

Role B – Clay

You think clay is the best art material. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their materials. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bronze, food or oil paint.

Role C – Food

You think food is the best art material. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their materials. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): clay, bronze or oil paint.

Role D – Oil Paint

You think oil paint is the best art material. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their materials. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): clay, food or bronze.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'birth' and 'art'.

birth	art

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• unveiled• famous• beginning• shows• giant• high	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• happy• meant• believe• first• bigger• sense
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SCULPTURES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

Write five GOOD questions about sculptures in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SCULPTURES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'art'?
3. Would you like to see the sculptures?
4. What do you think of the sculptures?
5. Do you think these sculptures are art?
6. What is art?
7. Does all art have to make you think?
8. Why do you think Damien Hirst created the sculptures?
9. Would you be a good artist?
10. What is your favourite piece of art?

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SCULPTURES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'birth'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Damien Hirst?
15. Why might people not be happy with the sculptures?
16. Should art be decorative?
17. Should all hospitals have artwork like this?
18. How amazing is the journey from conception to birth?
19. What kinds of artists do you like best?
20. What questions would you like to ask Damien Hirst?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

The new artwork was (1) _____ by the British artist Damien Hirst. He is famous for his art installations that include dead sharks and cows in (2) _____ plastic boxes. His new modern-art work is called The Miraculous Journey. It (3) _____ of 14 giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from conception to birth. The first exhibit shows a human sperm (4) _____ an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo, which then (5) _____ into a fetus in a giant womb. The final sculpture is of a newborn baby. The very detailed exhibits are between 5 and 14 meters (6) _____. They have been installed in front of a women's healthcare center in Qatar.

Not everyone is happy (7) _____ the sculptures. They are very controversial in Qatar. Layla Ibrahim, a Qatari art specialist, said: "They are not (8) _____ to be decorative, they are meant to create debates. We are not expecting everyone to like them [or] understand them." She added: "We believe it reflects the hospital's mission (9) _____ taking care of the healthcare of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first (10) _____ sculpture in the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The journey a baby (11) _____ through before birth is bigger than anything it will experience in its human life. I hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a sense of awe and wonder (12) _____ this extraordinary human process."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) created | (b) creative | (c) creating | (d) creation |
| 2. | (a) clarity | (b) clearly | (c) clear | (d) clearance |
| 3. | (a) resists | (b) desists | (c) consists | (d) assists |
| 4. | (a) enter | (b) entrance | (c) entry | (d) entering |
| 5. | (a) twists | (b) spins | (c) turns | (d) revolves |
| 6. | (a) height | (b) high | (c) highly | (d) highs |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) with | (c) to | (d) at |
| 8. | (a) sure | (b) meant | (c) frequently | (d) design |
| 9. | (a) as | (b) at | (c) of | (d) up |
| 10. | (a) knuckle | (b) knack | (c) knackered | (d) naked |
| 11. | (a) walks | (b) speeds | (c) shoots | (d) goes |
| 12. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) on | (d) at |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. art stnsianoital
2. from npcceoinot to birth
3. the egg producing an yebrmo
4. a fetus in a giant ombw
5. very detailed ixshbeti
6. women's alrtehach

Paragraph 2

7. They are very rsoneticorvla
8. art ielicaspst
9. they are meant to create saetdeb
10. it reflects the hospital's ossimni
11. It's very eavbr
12. this extraordinary human pscose

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () care of the healthcare of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first naked sculpture in
- () instill in the viewer a sense of awe and wonder at this extraordinary human process."
- (**1**) A new artwork has been unveiled in Doha, Qatar. The new artwork was created by the British
- () plastic boxes. His new modern-art work is called The Miraculous Journey. It consists of 14
- () 5 and 14 meters high. They have been installed in front of a women's healthcare center in Qatar.
- () into a fetus in a giant womb. The final sculpture is of a newborn baby. The very detailed exhibits are between
- () bigger than anything it will experience in its human life. I hope the sculpture will
- () Not everyone is happy with the sculptures. They are very controversial in Qatar. Layla Ibrahim, a Qatari art
- () specialist, said: "They are not meant to be decorative, they are meant to create debates. We are not expecting everyone to
- () shows a human sperm entering an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo, which then turns
- () like them [or] understand them." She added: "We believe it reflects the hospital's mission of taking
- () giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from conception to birth. The first exhibit
- () artist Damien Hirst. He is famous for his art installations that include dead sharks and cows in clear
- () the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The journey a baby goes through before birth is

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

1. artwork by was artist . The British created the
2. beginning conception of to The life from birth .
3. progress an Sculptures egg the embryo . from producing
4. a final is newborn The sculpture of baby .
5. in a Installed front of healthcare center . women's
6. are not expecting everyone We to like them .
7. mission . the reflects it believe We hospital's
8. the naked sculpture The in first East . Middle
9. birth . The through journey a baby goes before
10. and at extraordinary process . Awe wonder human this

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

The new artwork was created by the British artist Damien Hirst. He is *famous / famously* for his art installations that include dead sharks and *cow / cows* in clear plastic boxes. His new modern-art work is *calling / called* The Miraculous Journey. It *contrasts / consists* of 14 giant bronze sculptures that show the *beginning / begins* of human life from conception to *birth / born*. The first exhibit shows a *human / humane* sperm entering an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing a *a / an* embryo, which then turns into a fetus in a giant womb. The final sculpture is of a newborn baby. The very detailed *exhibition / exhibits* are between 5 and 14 meters high. They have been installed in *front / back* of a women's healthcare center in Qatar.

Not everyone is happy with the sculptures. They are very *controversy / controversial* in Qatar. Layla Ibrahim, a Qatari art *specialism / specialist*, said: "They are not meant to be *decorative / decorate*, they are meant to create debates. We are not *expect / expecting* everyone to like them [or] understand them." She added: "We believe it *deflects / reflects* the hospital's mission of taking care of the *healthy / healthcare* of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first naked sculpture *on / in* the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The journey a baby goes *though / through* before birth is bigger than anything it will experience *in / on* its human life. I hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a sense of *ore / awe* and wonder at this extraordinary human process."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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The new artwork was created by the British artist Damien Hirst. His famous works are installations that include dead sharks and cows in clear plastic boxes. His new modern-art work is called The Merckle's Journey. It consists of 14 giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from conception to birth. The first exhibit shows human sperm entering an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo, which then turns into a fetus in a giant womb. The final sculptures of a newborn baby. The very detailed exhibits are built within 5 and 14 meters high. They have been installed in front of a women's health centre in Qatar.

Not very happy with the sculptures. They are very controversial in Qatar. Lily Ibrahim, a Qatar art specialist, said: "The current market to be directed, they are meant to create debates. We're not expecting very interesting talk them [are] and rest and them." She added: "We believe it reflects the hospital's mission of taking care of the health of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Collectively, it's the first naked sculptures in the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The journey is a baby goes through before birth is bigger than anything that will experience can't human life. I hope the sculptures will install in the new museum of women and wonder at this extraordinary human process."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

the new artwork was created by the british artist damien hirst he is famous for his art installations that include dead sharks and cows in clear plastic boxes his new modernart work is called the miraculous journey it consists of 14 giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from conception to birth the first exhibit shows a human sperm entering an egg the sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo which then turns into a fetus in a giant womb the final sculpture is of a newborn baby the very detailed exhibits are between 5 and 14 meters high they have been installed in front of a womens healthcare center in qatar

not everyone is happy with the sculptures they are very controversial in qatar layla ibrahim a qatari art specialist said they are not meant to be decorative they are meant to create debates we are not expecting everyone to like them or understand them she added we believe it reflects the hospitals mission of taking care of the healthcare of women and babies mr hirst said culturally its the first naked sculpture in the middle east its very brave he added the journey a baby goes through before birth is bigger than anything it will experience in its human life i hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a sense of awe and wonder at this extraordinary human process"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1811/181121-damien-hirst-sculptures.html>

A new artwork has been unveiled in Doha, Qatar. The new artwork was created by the British artist Damien Hirst. He is famous for his art installation that included dead sharks and cows in clear plastic boxes. His new modern-artwork is called The Miraculous Journey. It consists of 14 giant bronze sculptures that show the beginning of human life from conception to birth. The first exhibit shows a human sperm entering an egg. The sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo, which then turns into a fetus in a giant womb. The final sculpture is of a newborn baby. The very detailed exhibits are between 5 and 14 meters high. They have been installed in front of a women's healthcare center in Qatar. Not everyone is happy with the sculptures. They are very controversial in Qatar. Layla Ibrahim, a Qatar art specialist, said: "They are not meant to be decorative, they are meant to create debates. We are not expecting everyone to like them [or] understand them." She added: "We believe it reflects the hospital's mission of taking care of the healthcare of women and babies." Mr Hirst said: "Culturally, it's the first naked sculpture in the Middle East. It's very brave." He added: "The journey a baby goes through before birth is bigger than anything it will experience in its human life. I hope the sculpture will instill in the viewer a sense of awe and wonder at this extraordinary human process."

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SCULPTURES: Make a poster about sculptures. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ART: Write a magazine article about art always having to make people think. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on sculptures. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinion of Damien Hirst's The Miraculous Journey artwork. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T b T c T d F e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. unveiled | a. revealed |
| 2. created | b. made |
| 3. consists of | c. includes |
| 4. final | d. last |
| 5. installed | e. put |
| 6. specialist | f. expert |
| 7. reflects | g. shows |
| 8. naked | h. nude |
| 9. sense | i. feeling |
| 10. extraordinary | j. remarkable |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Damien Hirst
2. Sharks and cows
3. Fourteen
4. A fetus
5. 14 meters
6. An art specialist
7. A hospital's mission
8. The Middle East
9. Anything in life
10. Awe and wonder

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. The artwork was created by the British artist.
2. The beginning of life from conception to birth.
3. Sculptures progress from the egg producing an embryo.
4. The final sculpture is of a newborn baby.
5. Installed in front of a women's healthcare center.
6. We are not expecting everyone to like them.
7. We believe it reflects the hospital's mission.
8. The first naked sculpture in the Middle East.
9. The journey a baby goes through before birth.
10. Awe and wonder at this extraordinary human process.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)