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Huge financial rescue package for UK arts

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 2 (they are easier).



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THE ARTICLE

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

The government in the United Kingdom has announced it will give nearly \$2 billion to help support the country's arts industry. The money will go to theatres, concert halls, galleries, museums and other cultural venues. It will help people who have had a hard time during the COVID-19 pandemic. These include actors, writers, composers, make-up artists, costumers and support staff. The UK government said the money represents, "the biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture". It added: "The money will provide a lifeline to vital cultural and heritage organisations across the country hit hard by the pandemic. It will help them stay afloat while their doors are closed."

The UK is world famous for its arts. People across the globe know and love cultural icons like Shakespeare, The Beatles and James Bond. Britain's theatres, museums and galleries attract millions of tourists every year. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "From iconic theatre and musicals, mesmerising exhibitions at our world-class galleries, to gigs performed in local basement venues, the UK's cultural industry is the beating heart of this country." The UK's Culture Secretary said: "Our arts and culture are the soul of our nation. They make our country great and are the centre of our world-beating and fast growing creative industries. This money will help safeguard the sector for future generations."

Sources: https://www.**gov.uk**/government/news/157-billion-investment-to-protect-britains-world-classcultural-arts-and-heritage-institutions https://**metro.co.uk**/2020/07/05/boris-unveils-1570000000-rescue-fund-theatres-museumsgalleries-12949483/ https://www.**theguardian.com**/world/2020/jul/05/boris-johnson-uk-lifeline-arts-heritage-sectorafloat

WARM-UPS

1. THE ARTS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about the arts. 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?

government / announce / arts / industry / theatre / make-up / pandemic / help / famous / icon / gallery / musical / exhibition / venue / basement / creative / future

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

3. THEATRES AND MUSEUMS: Students A **strongly** believe theatres and museums are an essential part of our life; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ARTS: How much do you like these? How important are they? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Much You Like Them	Importance
Plays		
Opera		
Art exhibitions		
Musicals		
Concerts		
Movies		

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

6. UK CULTURE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best examples of UK culture at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Shakespeare
- The Beatles
- Mr Bean
- James Bond

- The royal family
- Fish and chips
- Tea
- Chicken tikka masala

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	announced	а.	Cultural, unspoiled countryside, and historic buildings that belong to the people of a country or the world.
2.	support	b.	An area of the economy (e.g. steel, health, IT, tourism. etc.).
3.	industry	c.	When a disease is all over a whole country or the world.
4.	venue	d.	Made a public and usually formal declaration about something.
5.	pandemic	e.	The action or process of putting money into something to try and get more money back later.
6.	investment	f.	Help or give money to help someone or something survive.
7.	heritage	g.	The place where something happens, especially an organized event such as a concert, conference, or sports event.
Par	agraph 2		
8.	globe	h.	Holding the attention of someone so they cannot stop looking or thinking about it.
9.	icon	i.	The heart and spirit of someone or something.
10.	attract	j.	All the people born and living at about the same time.
11.	mesmerising	k.	A famous person or thing that is a symbol of something.
12.	soul	١.	Keep away from danger or harm; protect.
13.	safeguard	m.	Cause to come to a place or join in a venture by offering something of interest.
14.	generation	n.	The earth.

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BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

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

- a. The UK government is giving the arts over £2 billion. **T / F**
- b. The money will go to theatres, galleries and sporting venues. **T / F**
- c. The money will help make-up artists. **T / F**
- d. The UK government called the money a lifeline. T / F
- e. The article said Shakespeare is not so famous around the world today. T / F
- f. Boris Johnson likes to attend the Iconic Theatre in London. **T / F**
- g. Boris Johnson spoke about memorising exhibitions. **T / F**
- h. The money will help to protect the future of the arts in the UK. **T / F**

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

- 1. announced
- 2. support
- 3. venues
- 4. provide
- 5. hit
- 6. globe
- 7. tourists
- 8. gigs
- 9. nation
- 10. safeguard

- a. visitors
- b. give
- c. back
- d. protect
- e. country
- f. stated
- g. concerts
- h. affected
- i. places
- j. world

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

- 1. help support the
- 2. people who have had a hard
- 3. the biggest ever one-
- 4. hit hard
- 5. It will help them stay afloat while
- 6. The UK is world
- 7. cultural icons
- 8. attract millions
- 9. the beating
- 10. safeguard the sector for future

- a. generations
- b. by the pandemic
- c. like Shakespeare
- d. famous for its arts
- e. country's arts industry
- f. heart of this country
- g. off investment
- h. their doors are closed
- i. of tourists
- j. time

GAP FILL

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the-arts.html

The government in the United Kingdom has support (1) ______ it will give nearly \$2 billion to help support vital the country's arts (2) _____. The money will go to venues theatres, concert halls, galleries, museums and other cultural while (3) _____. It will help people who have had a hard time during the COVID-19 pandemic. These include actors, announced writers, composers, make-up artists, costumers and hard (4) ______ staff. The UK government said the money industry (5) _____, "the biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture". It added: "The money will provide a lifeline to represents (6) _____ cultural and heritage organisations across the country hit (7) _____ by the pandemic. It will help them stay afloat (8) _____ their doors are closed."

The UK is world (9) ______ for its arts. People across iconic the globe know and love cultural icons like Shakespeare, The heart Beatles and James Bond. Britain's theatres, museums and safeguard galleries (10) _____ millions of tourists every year. famous Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "From (11) _____ theatre and musicals, mesmerising exhibitions at our world-class performed galleries, to gigs (12) _____ in local basement fast venues, the UK's cultural industry is the beating attract (13) _____ of this country." The UK's Culture Secretary said: "Our arts and culture are the soul of our nation (14) _____. They make our country great and are the centre of our world-beating and (15) _____ growing creative industries. This money will help (16) _____ the sector for future generations."

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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d. country's arts in dust tree	
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a. on UK culture	
b. in UK culture c. at UK culture	
d. by UK culture	
 The money will provide a lifeline to vital cultural and 	
a. hermitage organisations	
b. inherit age organisations	
c. inherited organisations	
d. heritage organisations	
5) It will help them stay afloat while their	
a. doors are closed	
b. doors are closet	
c. doors are closes	
d. doors are closer	
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c. love culturally cons d. love cultural I cans	
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great and are the centre of our world-beating and fast growing	
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 b. creativity industries c. creative industries 	
d. creatives industries	
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d. for futures generations	

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

- 1. How much money will the UK give its arts industry?
- 2. What kind of halls did the article say the money would help?
- 3. What kind of artists did the article say the money would help?
- 4. What kind of investment did the UK government describe?
- 5. What will the money help organisations do while their doors are closed?
- 6. What did the article say the UK is famous for?
- 7. What did the Prime Minister say was happening in local basements?
- 8. What did the UK's Prime Minister call the UK's cultural industry?
- 9. What did the Culture Secretary say was the soul of the UK?
- 10. Who will the money safeguard the arts sector for?

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MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

1) How much money will the UK give 6) What did the article say the UK is its arts industry? famous for? a) exactly \$2 billion a) its arts b) nearly \$2 billion b) opera c) around \$2 billion c) tea d) over \$2 billion d) fish and chips 2) What kind of halls did the article 7) What did the Prime Minister say say the money would help? was happening in local basements? a) conference halls a) art b) big halls b) plays c) the halls of power c) gigs d) concert halls d) street theatre 3) What kind of artists did the article 8) What did the UK's Prime Minister say the money would help? call the UK's cultural industry? a) watercolour artists a) a beating heart b) graffiti artists b) breathing lungs c) the brains c) make-up artists d) the arms and legs d) modern artists 4) What kind of investment did the 9) What did the Culture Secretary say UK government describe? was the soul of the UK? a) a one-off investment a) opera b) a tiny investment b) music c) a risky investment c) blues d) a risk-free investment d) the arts 5) What will the money help 10) Who will the money safeguard organisations do while their doors the arts sector for? are closed? a) theatres b) artists a) invest b) stay afloat c) future generations c) pay staff d) galleries d) produce plays

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Beatles

You think The Beatles is the best thing about British culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the royal family, fish and chips or tea.

Role B – The Royal Family

You think the royal family is the best thing about British culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): The Beatles, fish and chips or tea.

Role C – Fish and Chips

You think fish and chips is the best thing about British culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the royal family, The Beatles or tea.

Role D – Tea

You think tea is the best thing about British culture. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): the royal family, fish and chips or The Beatles.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

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

rescue	arts

- 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:

 nearly 	across
• go	attract
hard	local
• ever	• soul
• vital	• fast
• stay	future
	1

THE ARTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the arts 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.

THE ARTS 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 'arts'?
- 3. What do you think of the arts?
- 4. What arts do you like?
- 5. How has coronavirus affected the arts in your country?
- 6. What arts is your country good at?
- 7. What do you think of museums?
- 8. What is your favourite museum?
- 9. How proud are you of your country's culture?
- 10. How important is heritage and culture?

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THE ARTS 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 'theatre'?
- 13. What do you think about what you read?
- 14. What do you think of the UK's culture?
- 15. What parts of the UK's culture do you like?
- 16. What is the "beating heart" of your country?
- 17. How creative are you?
- 18. What area of the arts would you like to work in?
- 19. What is the greatest ever example of the arts?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask an unemployed actor?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

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3.	
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4.	
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6.	
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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

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4.	 	 	
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5.			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
6.			

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

1.	(a)	announced	(b)	announce	(c)	announces	(d)	announcing
2.	(a)	industrialise	(b)	industrious	(c)	industry	(d)	industrial
3.	(a)	harden	(b)	hardly	(c)	hard	(d)	hardy
4.	(a)	stifle	(b)	stuff	(c)	stiff	(d)	staff
5.	(a)	in	(b)	on	(c)	of	(d)	by
6.	(a)	what	(b)	while	(c)	whom	(d)	which
7.	(a)	globule	(b)	globally	(c)	global	(d)	globe
8.	(a)	detract	(b)	attract	(c)	retract	(d)	contact
9.	(a)	digs	(b)	figs	(c)	gigs	(d)	wigs
10.	(a)	beaten	(b)	berating	(c)	bleating	(d)	beating
11.	(a)	рор	(b)	rock	(c)	blues	(d)	soul
12.	(a)	lifeguard	(b)	safeguard	(c)	mudguard	(d)	bodyguard

SPELLING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

Paragraph 1

- 1. the country's arts dysrtniu
- 2. money will go to theatres, concert halls, ilgelresa ...
- 3. museums and other cultural <u>vneuse</u>
- 4. writers, sroosmpec, make-up artists
- 5. The money will provide a *ifenleli*
- 6. hit hard by the <u>dacnepim</u>

Paragraph 2

- 7. cultural nosic
- 8. <u>tctarta</u> millions of tourists
- 9. musicals, mesmerising einbthiioxs
- 10. the soul of our <u>nniaot</u>
- 11. This money will help drguaaesf the sector
- 12. for future orgnnseitae

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () culture are the soul of our nation. They make our country great and are the centre of our world-beating and fast
- () and other cultural venues. It will help people who have had a hard time during the COVID-19
- () across the country hit hard by the pandemic. It will help them stay afloat while their doors are closed."
- () of tourists every year. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "From iconic theatre and musicals, mesmerising exhibitions
- () pandemic. These include actors, writers, composers, make-up artists, costumers and support
- () at our world-class galleries, to gigs performed in local basement venues, the UK's cultural industry is the beating
- () off investment in UK culture". It added: "The money will provide a lifeline to vital cultural and heritage organisations
- () Shakespeare, The Beatles and James Bond. Britain's theatres, museums and galleries attract millions
- () heart of this country." The UK's Culture Secretary said: "Our arts and
- () The UK is world famous for its arts. People across the globe know and love cultural icons like
- () staff. The UK government said the money represents, "the biggest ever one-
- (**1**) The government in the United Kingdom has announced it will give nearly \$2 billion to help
- () growing creative industries. This money will help safeguard the sector for future generations."
- () support the country's arts industry. The money will go to theatres, concert halls, galleries, museums

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

1. arts to country's help Nearly the industry . \$2 billion

2. Help time . a who hard have had people

3. biggest investment one-off ever culture . UK in The

4. the the across hit pandemic . country Organisations by

5. their afloat while doors Stay closed . are

6. the across People globe icons . cultural love

7. year . millions attract Galleries of tourists every

8. of country . is beating heart this the Industry

9. the are arts Our our of nation . soul

10. help This the money will safeguard sector .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200708-the arts.html

The government in the United Kingdom has *announcing / announced* it will give nearly \$2 billion to help support the country's *artistically / arts* industry. The money will *come / go* to theatres, concert halls, galleries, museums and other cultural *venues / venue*. It will help people who have had a hard time *during / doing* the COVID-19 pandemic. These include actors, writers, composers, make-up artists, costumers and support *stuff / staff*. The UK government said the money *represents / represent*, "the biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture". It added: "The money will provide a *lifetime / lifeline* to vital cultural and heritage organisations across *that / the* country hit hard by the pandemic. It will help them stay *afloat / float* while their doors are closed."

The UK is world famous *by / for* its arts. People across the globe know and love cultural icons *like / likely* Shakespeare, The Beatles and James Bond. Britain's theatres, museums and galleries *attractive / attract* millions of tourists every year. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "From iconic theatre and musicals, *mesmerising / memorising* exhibitions at our world-class galleries, to gigs performed *in / of* local basement venues, the UK's cultural industry is the beating *lungs / heart* of this country." The UK's Culture Secretary said: "Our arts and culture are the *sole / soul* of our nation. They make our country *grate / great* and are the centre of our world-beating and *feast / fast* growing creative industries. This money will *help / helpful* safeguard the sector for future generations."

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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Th_g_v_rnm_nt_n th_Un_t_d K_ngd_m h_s_n n__nc_d_t w_ll g_v_ n__rly \$2 b_ll__n t_ h_lp s_pp_rt th_ c__ ntry's _rts _nd_stry. Th_m_n_y w_ll g_t_th__tr_s, c_nc_rt h_lls , g_ll_r__s, m_s__ms _nd _th_r c_lt_r_l v_n__ s. It w_ll h_lp p__pl_wh_h_v_h_d _h_rd t_m_d_r_ng th_COVID-19 p_nd_m_c.Th_s_ _n c l_d__c t_r s, w r_t_r s, c_m p_s_r s, m_k_-p _rt_sts, c_st_m_rs _nd s_pp_rt st_ff. Th_ U K g_v_rnm_nt s__d th_ m_n_y r_pr_s_nts, "t h_ b_g g_s t _v_r _n_-_f f _n v_s t m_n t _n UK c_l t_r_". It _d d_d : "Th_ m_n_y w_ll pr_v_d__ l_f_l_n_ t_ v_t_l c_l t_r_l _n d h_r_t_g_ _r g_n_s_t__ n s_cr_ss th_ c__ ntry h_t h_rd by th_ p_n d_m_c. It w_ll h_lp th_m st_y _fl__t w h_l_ th__ r d__ rs _r_ cl_s_d."

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the government in the united kingdom has announced it will give nearly 2 billion to help support the countrys arts industry the money will go to theatres concert halls galleries museums and other cultural venues it will help people who have had a hard time during the covid19 pandemic these include actors writers composers makeup artists costumers and support staff the uk government said the money represents the biggest ever oneoff investment in uk culture it added the money will provide a lifeline to vital cultural and heritage organisations across the country hit hard by the pandemic it will help them stay afloat while their doors are closed

the uk is world famous for its arts people across the globe know and love cultural icons like shakespeare the beatles and james bond britains theatres museums and galleries attract millions of tourists every year prime minister boris johnson said from iconic theatre and musicals mesmerising exhibitions at our worldclass galleries to gigs performed in local basement venues the uks cultural industry is the beating heart of this country the uks culture secretary said our arts and culture are the soul of our nation they make our country great and are the centre of our worldbeating and fast growing creative industries this money will help safeguard the sector for future generations

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

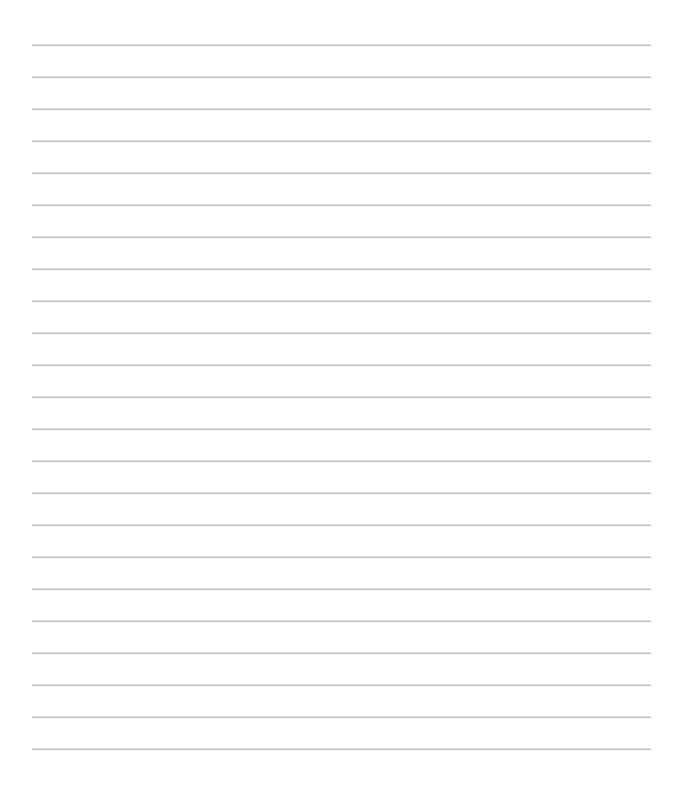
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FREE WRITING

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Write about **the arts** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.



ACADEMIC WRITING

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Spending money on the arts is very, very important. Discuss.

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. THE ARTS: Make a poster about the arts. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ESSENTIAL: Write a magazine article about the arts being an essential part of the money government spends. 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 the arts. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can better support the arts. 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.	f	3.	b	4.	g	5.	с	6.	е	7.	а
8.	n	9.	k	10.	m	11.	h	12.	i	13.	Ι	14.	j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. c	3. i	4. b	5. h
6. j	7. a	8. g	9. e	10. d

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 1. Nearly \$2 billion
- 2. Concert halls
- 3. Make-up artists
- 4. A one-off investment
- 5. Stay afloat
- 6. Its arts
- 7. Gigs
- 8. A beating heart
- 9. The arts
- 10. Future generations

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- 1. Nearly \$2 billion to help the country's arts industry.
- 2. Help people who have had a hard time.
- 3. The biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture.
- 4. Organisations across the country hit by the pandemic.
- 5. Stay afloat while their doors are closed.
- 6. People across the globe love cultural icons.
- 7. Galleries attract millions of tourists every year.
- 8. Industry is the beating heart of this country.
- 9. Our arts are the soul of our nation.
- 10. This money will help safeguard the sector.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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