



Unit 6: The Arts Around Us

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Part 1: Extreme Arts! (Introduction)



Text: Class Art Exhibition

Read the descriptions of the artworks from the class exhibition.

1. Dana's Painting

"Dana's painting of a Jordanian landscape is the **biggest** artwork in the exhibition, but it isn't as big as real life! It's also the **most interesting**. There are a lot of trees and beautiful mountains in the background. I usually prefer smaller paintings that you can have in your house, but I love this one anyway."

Arabic Translation

لوحة دانا للمناظر الطبيعية الأردنية هي أكبر عمل فني في المعرض، لكنها ليست بحجم الواقع! إنها أيضًا الأكثر إثارة للاهتمام. يوجد الكثير من الأشجار والجبال الجميلة في الخلفية. عادة ما أفضل اللوحات الأصغر حجمًا التي يمكنك وضعها في منزلك، لكنني أحب هذه اللوحة على أي حال.

2. Amal's Photograph

"Amal's photograph is the **most colourful** artwork. Many people think it's faster to take a photo than make a painting or a sculpture, but that isn't always true. Amal planted a flower and took pictures of it every few days to see how it changed. Then she edited the photos into one picture. Some art is **better** when you know how it was made, and this is a good example of that."

Arabic Translation

صورة أمل هي العمل الفني الأكثر تلوّنًا (بهاءً). يعتقد الكثير من الناس أن التقاط صورة أسرع من رسم لوحة أو صنع تمثال، لكن هذا ليس صحيحًا دائمًا. زرعت أمل زهرة والتقطت صورًا لها كل بضعة أيام لترى كيف تغيرت. ثم قامت بتحرير الصور في صورة واحدة. بعض الفنون تكون أفضل عندما تعرف كيف تم صنعها، وهذا مثال جيد على ذلك.

3. The Narrator's Sculpture

"I made a sculpture of a human head and so did Eman. Her sculpture is **more beautiful** than mine. It's **as big as** a real woman's head, and her eyes are closed. It's very nice and I enjoy looking at it. I think it's the **best** artwork in our class."

Arabic Translation

لقد صنعت تمثالاً لرأس بشري وكذلك فعلت إيمان. تمثالها أجمل من تمثالي. إنه بحجم رأس امرأة حقيقي، وعيناها "مغلقتان. إنه لطيف للغاية وأنا أستمتع بالنظر إليه. أعتقد أنه أفضل عمل فني في فصلنا

Reading Comprehension

#	Question	Options
1	Why does the narrator like Dana's painting despite preferring smaller ones?	a) Because it is colourful. b) Because it has trees and mountains and is interesting. c) Because it is small.
2	What process did Amal use to create her photo?	a) She took one quick photo of a mountain. b) She painted a flower. c) She took photos of a growing flower over many days and edited them together.
3	How does the narrator compare their sculpture to Eman's?	a) The narrator thinks Eman's sculpture is more beautiful. b) The narrator thinks their own sculpture is bigger. c) The narrator thinks Eman's sculpture is worse.

4	True or False: Eman's sculpture has open eyes.	False
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Part 2: Grammar - Comparatives & Superlatives

1. Comparative Adjectives (المقارنة)

Used to compare **two** things or people. We usually use "**than**" after the adjective.

Type of Adjective	Rule	Example	Arabic
Short (1 syllable)	Add -er	old → older	أكبر سناً
Ends in -e	Add -r	wide → wider	أوسع
Ends in Y	Remove 'y', add -ier	heavy → heavier	أثقل
CVC (Consonant-Vowel-Consonant)	Double last letter + -er	big → bigger	أكبر
Long (2+ syllables)	Use more ... than	beautiful → more beautiful than	أجمل من

2. Superlative Adjectives (التفضيل)

Used to compare **one** thing against a group (more than two). We usually use "**the**" before the adjective.

Type of Adjective	Rule	Example	Arabic
Short (1 syllable)	Add -est	old → the oldest	الأكبر سناً
Ends in -e	Add -st	wide → the widest	الأوسع
Ends in Y	Remove 'y', add -iest	heavy → the heaviest	الأثقل
CVC	Double last letter + -est	big → the biggest	الأكبر

Long (2+ syllables)	Use the most ...	beautiful → the most beautiful	الأجمل
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3. Irregular Adjectives (صفات شاذة)

These do not follow the normal rules!

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative	Arabic
Good	Better than	The best	جيد - أفضل من - الأفضل
Bad	Worse than	The worst	سيء - أسوأ من - الأسوأ
Far	Further/Farther than	The furthest/farthest	بعيد - أبعد من - الأبعد



Part 3: Reading - Amman International Book Fair

Text: A Brief Guide

Amman International Book Fair: A place of books and culture since 2000

The Amman International Book Fair is a **renowned** event which people visit from across the world. The event is organised by the Jordan Publishers Union with the Ministry of Culture and usually takes place at the Jordan International Exhibition Centre. The Centre has the **capacity** to have exhibits from around 4,000 publishers and around 150,000 people have visited the two-week event in recent years.

The **prestigious** event shows how important the publishing industry is to the country and how it can help improve society, as well as being able to make an international audience aware of Jordan's achievements in publishing. It also allows visitors to learn about the books and culture of around 20 other countries whose publishers take part in the Fair. The countries are from all over the world, including Saudi Arabia, Morocco, the USA, Canada, Italy, China and India.

At the Fair, you can see Arabic and international books on many different subjects, including children's books and poetry. Previous events have also included exhibitions on Islamic writing and works of art from different countries. There are also events for children such as storytelling and classes in **calligraphy**.

The Fair also remembers the Jordanian poet Mustafa Wahbi Al Tal, whose **legacy** is the

beautiful poetry that Jordanians still enjoy today, around 120 years after he was born.

Arabic Translation

معرض عمان الدولي للكتاب هو حدث مشهور يزوره الناس من جميع أنحاء العالم. يتم تنظيم الحدث من قبل اتحاد الناشرين الأردنيين بالتعاون مع وزارة الثقافة، وعادة ما يقام في المركز الأردني للمعارض الدولية. يتمتع المركز بالقدرة الاستيعابية لاستضافة معروضات من حوالي 4000 ناشر، وقد زار الحدث الذي يستمر لمدة أسبوعين حوالي 150,000 شخص في السنوات الأخيرة. يُظهر هذا الحدث المرموق مدى أهمية صناعة النشر للبلد وكيف يمكن أن تساعد في تحسين المجتمع، فضلاً عن القدرة على تعريف الجمهور الدولي بإنجازات الأردن في مجال النشر. كما يتيح للزوار التعرف على كتب وثقافة حوالي 20 دولة أخرى يشارك ناشروها في المعرض. هذه الدول من جميع أنحاء العالم، بما في ذلك المملكة العربية السعودية والمغرب والولايات المتحدة وكندا وإيطاليا والصين والهند. في المعرض، يمكنك رؤية كتب عربية ودولية في العديد من الموضوعات المختلفة، بما في ذلك كتب الأطفال والشعر. كما تضمنت الأحداث السابقة معارض للكتابة الإسلامية وأعمال فنية من دول مختلفة. هناك أيضاً فعاليات للأطفال مثل سرد القصص ودروس في الخط العربي. يستذكر المعرض أيضاً الشاعر الأردني مصطفى وهبي التل، الذي يتمثل إرثه في الشعر الجميل الذي لا يزال الأردنيون يستمتعون به اليوم، بعد حوالي 120 عاماً من ولادته.

🔑 Key Vocabulary

Word	Part of Speech	English Definition	Arabic Meaning
Renowned	Adjective	Famous and respected.	مشهور / ذائع الصيت
Capacity	Noun	The maximum amount/number that can be contained.	القدرة الاستيعابية
Prestigious	Adjective	Inspiring respect and admiration; having high status.	مرموق / ذو هبة
Legacy	Noun	Something left or handed down by a predecessor.	إرث / ميراث
Publishers	Noun	Companies that prepare and issue books.	دور النشر / الناشر
Calligraphy	Noun	Decorative handwriting.	فن الخط

Reading Comprehension

- Who organises the Amman International Book Fair?**
 - Answer: The Jordan Publishers Union with the Ministry of Culture.
- How long does the event usually last?**
 - Answer: Two weeks.
- Why is the event considered important for Jordan?**
 - Answer: It shows the importance of the publishing industry, helps improve society, and shows Jordan's achievements to the world.
- What kind of activities are available for children?**
 - Answer: Storytelling and classes in calligraphy.
- Who is Mustafa Wahbi Al Tal?**
 - Answer: A famous Jordanian poet.



Part 4: Vocabulary - Literature & The Arts

(Updated with Parts of Speech)

Jobs in the Arts (وظائف في الفنون)

English Word	Part of Speech	Arabic Meaning
Actor / Actress	Noun	ممثل / ممثلة
Author	Noun	مؤلف
Choreographer	Noun	مصمم رقصات
Composer	Noun	ملحن
Director	Noun	مخرج
Folk dancer	Noun	راقص شعبي
Painter	Noun	رسام
Photographer	Noun	مصور فوتوغرافي
Poet	Noun	شاعر
Scriptwriter	Noun	كاتب سيناريو
Sculptor	Noun	نحات

Musician	Noun	موسيقي
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Literature Terms (مصطلحات الأدب)

English Word	Part of Speech	Arabic Meaning
Biography	Noun	سيرة ذاتية
Chapter	Noun	(فصل) (من كتاب)
Character	Noun	شخصية
Fiction	Noun	(خيال) (قصصي)
Graphic novel	Noun	رواية مصورة
Mystery	Noun	غموض
Non-fiction	Noun	(واقعي) (غير خيالي)
Setting	Noun	مكان وزمان القصة
Plot	Noun	حبكة القصة
Ending	Noun	النهاية
Illustrator	Noun	رسام توضيحي
Review	Noun	مراجعة / نقد
Thriller	Noun	(قصة مثيرة) (تشويق)
Detective	Noun / Adjective	بوليسي / محقق

Part 5: Grammar - Too & Enough

Concept	Meaning	Structure	Example	Arabic
1. Too	More than you need or want.	Too + Adjective	The book was too long .	الكتاب كان طويلاً جداً.

	(أكثر من اللازم) (Negative connotation)		(I didn't like it).	
2. Enough	The correct amount. بما فيه الكفاية	Adjective + Enough (Adj comes before)	He is creative enough to be an artist.	هو مبدع بما يكفي ليكون فناناً.
3. Not Enough	Less than you need or want. غير كافي	Not + Adjective + Enough	The plot was not interesting enough .	الحبكة لم تكن مثيرة للاهتمام بما يكفي.

Part 6: Lesson 5A - Listening & Vocabulary

Text: Hani's Interview about Mural Art

Based on the listening section in the student book.

Interviewer: Today we are talking to Hani about mural art. Hani, tell us about your start.

Hani: Well, I used to do paintings in my notebook, but I was usually pleased with them, they were just too small. I wanted to make something bigger.

Interviewer: So, how did you start painting murals?

Hani: My art teacher helped me paint my first mural. It was a great experience.

Interviewer: What kind of projects do you like the most?

Hani: I really enjoy projects in hospitals and community centres. It makes people happy.

Arabic Translation

المحاور: نتحدث اليوم مع هاني عن فن الجداريات. هاني، أخبرنا عن بدايتك

هاني: حسناً، اعتدت أن أرسم لوحات في دفترتي، وعادة ما كنت مسروراً بها، لكنها كانت صغيرة جداً. أردت أن أصنع شيئاً أكبر.

المحاور: إذن، كيف بدأت رسم الجداريات؟

هاني: ساعدني معلم الفنون في رسم أول جدارية لي. كانت تجربة رائعة.

المحاور: ما نوع المشاريع التي تحبها أكثر؟

هاني: أنا أستمتع حقاً بالمشاريع في المستشفيات والمراكز المجتمعية. إنها تجعل الناس سعداء.

Vocabulary Focus: The Verb "Get"

The verb "get" changes meaning depending on the context.

Phrase	Meaning	Arabic Meaning	Example
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Get a prize / a grade	Receive	يحصل على / يستلم	I got a good grade in the exam.
Get tired / angry	Become	يصبح	She got angry when he was late.
Get to school / home	Arrive	يصل	What time do you get to school?
Get some food	Buy / Obtain	يشترى / يحضر	Let's get something to eat.

Comprehension Questions

- Why did Hani stop painting only in his notebook?**
 - Answer: c) The drawings were too small.
- Who helped Hani with his first mural?**
 - Answer: b) His art teacher.
- Match the meaning of "Get":**
 - A. I **got** a letter. → **Receive**
 - B. It is **getting** cold. → **Become**
 - C. I usually **get** home at 3 PM. → **Arrive**

Part 7: Lesson 6A - Speaking (Suggestions)

Dialogue: Owen and Ryan

Owen: What's up?

Ryan: My phone's dead.

Owen: Come on in, then. Let's do something. How about calling Charlie?

Ryan: No, he is visiting his grandad.

Owen: Sure. I know. Why don't we go to that art exhibition?

Ryan: That's a good idea. Where is it?

Owen: In the centre of town.

Ryan: No way! That's too far!

Owen: OK. What about going to the book festival?

Ryan: I don't think so. I haven't got any money.

Owen: OK. Let's play football in the park instead.

Ryan: I'm not sure. I'm wearing my best trainers.

Owen: How about watching that new wildlife documentary?

Ryan: OK, let's do that.

Arabic Translation

أوين: ما الأمر؟

رايان: هاتفني نفذ شحنه
 أوين: تفضل بالدخول إذن. دعنا نفعل شيئاً. ماذا عن الاتصال بتشارلي؟
 رايان: لا، إنه يزور جده
 أوين: بالتأكيد. أنا أعرف. لماذا لا نذهب إلى ذلك المعرض الفني؟
 رايان: هذه فكرة جيدة. أين هو؟
 أوين: في وسط المدينة
 رايان: مستحيل! هذا بعيد جداً
 أوين: حسناً. ماذا عن الذهاب إلى معرض الكتاب؟
 رايان: لا أعتقد ذلك. ليس معي أي نقود
 أوين: حسناً. دعنا نلعب كرة القدم في الحديقة بدلاً من ذلك
 رايان: لست متأكداً. أنا أرثدي أفضل أحذية رياضية لدي
 أوين: ماذا عن مشاهدة ذلك الفيلم الوثائقي الجديد عن الحياة البرية؟
 رايان: حسناً، لنقم بذلك

☰ Functional Language: Making Suggestions

Function	Phrase Structure	Example	Arabic
Making Suggestions	Let's + Verb (base form)	Let's go to the park.	...دعنا نذهب
	Why don't we + Verb (base)?	Why don't we play football?	لماذا لا نلعب...؟
	How about + Verb-ing?	How about watching TV?	ماذا عن مشاهدة...؟
Accepting		That's a good idea.	فكرة جيدة.
		Yes, why not?	نعم لم لا؟
		OK, let's do that.	لنقم بذلك.
Refusing		No way! (Informal)	مستحيل!
		I don't think so.	لا أعتقد ذلك.
		I'm not sure.	لست متأكداً.

Practice Exercises

- Choose the correct form:
 - A. How about **going** to the cinema?

- B. Let's **play** tennis.
- C. Why don't we **visit** the museum?

2. **Match suggestion to reply:**

- *Let's buy this expensive car!* → **No way! I don't have enough money.**
- *How about doing homework now?* → **Yes, why not? I want to finish early.**
- *Why don't we go for a walk?* → **That's a good idea. The weather is nice.**

Part 8: Writing - A Book Review

Salwa's Review

Title: The Field Next To My House

"The Field Next To My House is a novel written by Callum Briann. It was published in 2023.

The book is a comedy and it is set in a small town in an imaginary country. The characters include the man who lives in the house! We don't know his name, but we know that he is an ordinary man.

The plot of this story develops quickly. His life is not exciting, but then one day, he sees something out of his living room window that changes everything!

In my opinion, this book deserves awards. I thought it was very funny! I really enjoyed it and I would recommend it to everybody."

Arabic Translation

الحقل المجاور لمنزلي " هي رواية كتبها كالوم بريان. نُشرت في عام 2023.
الكتاب كوميدي وتدور أحداثه في بلدة صغيرة في بلد خيالي. الشخصيات تشمل الرجل الذي يعيش في المنزل! لا نعرف اسمه، لكننا نعرف أنه رجل عادي.
!تتطور حبكة هذه القصة بسرعة. حياته ليست مثيرة، ولكن في يوم من الأيام، يرى شيئاً من نافذة غرفة المعيشة يغير كل شيء
في رأبي، هذا الكتاب يستحق الجوائز. اعتقدت أنه كان مضحكاً جداً لقد استمتعت به حقاً وأوصي به للجميع

How to Write a Book Review

Follow this structure to write your own review.

1. **General Information (معلومات عامة):**
 - Title, Author, Type of book (Genre), Year published.
2. **Setting & Characters (المكان والشخصيات):**
 - Where does it happen? Who is in it?
3. **The Plot (الحبكة):**
 - What happens? (Use Present Tense! e.g., "He goes...", "She finds...").
 - **Tip:** Do not spoil the ending!
4. **Opinion (الرأي):**
 - Did you like it? Why?
 - *Useful Adjectives:* boring, exciting, brilliant, funny, sad.

5. **Recommendation (التوصية):**

- Who should read it? ("I recommend this to people who like...")

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