

What is the Summer Exhibition?

This year the RA is celebrating its 250th birthday. How old are you?

Each year, artists from all over the country send in pictures of the artworks and a group of Royal Academicians, the artists who make up the Royal Academy, choose which ones to display. The Royal Academicians also exhibit their own work. Grayson Perry RA is in charge of this year's Summer Exhibition.

There are over 1,300 artworks crammed into the galleries. There's a lot to see!



Choose

An artwork that you like.

Why do you like it?

Act out what is happening in the artwork.

Can you pose like the subject of the artwork, even if it's not a person?

What colours has the artist used?

What materials have they used?



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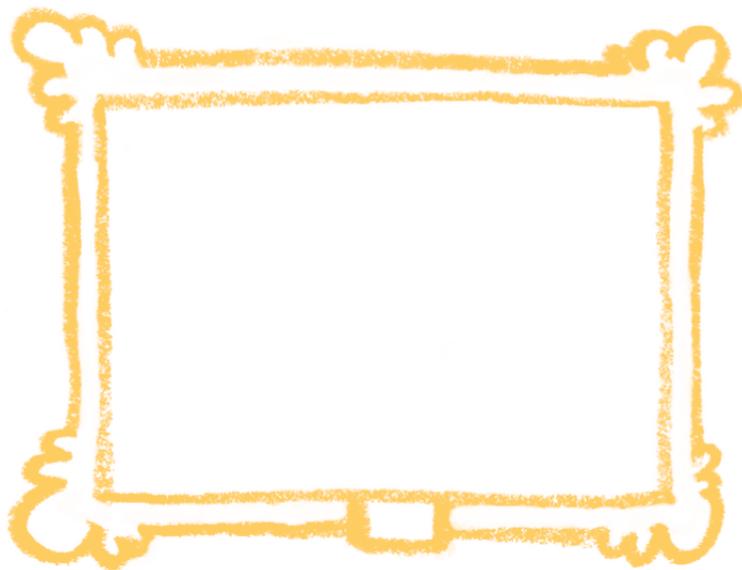
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Choose

Another artwork you really like.

Imagine you are zooming in on
one section of the artwork.
Draw the zoomed-in section!



In your sketchbook

Design a 250th birthday card
for the Summer Exhibition.

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Sculptures

There are sculptures in many of the galleries in the Summer Exhibition.

Sculptures are three-dimensional works of art. They can be made from lots of things and can be all different sizes.

An artist might use a hard material like stone or metal, or a soft material like wax or clay. An artist might also choose to use everyday things they find around them.



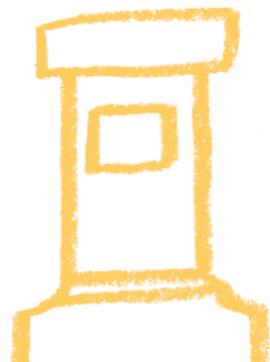
Look

Find a sculpture and slowly walk all the way around it.

What do you think it is made from?

wax metal marble
stone jewels concrete
wire food plants
plastic wood objects

What other materials can you see in the galleries?



Sculptures

Draw

Crouch down and draw the sculpture looking up from the floor.



Imagine you are above the sculpture.
Draw what you think you would see, looking down.

What have you discovered about this sculpture?



In your sketchbook

Go outside and do a sketch of the big sculpture by Anish Kapoor in the courtyard!

Colour it in when you get home.

Paintings

Find a room with a lot of paintings.
Paintings have been exhibited at the Summer Exhibition since 1769, for 250 years.

Some show people, places and things.
Some are abstract, showing colours and shapes instead.



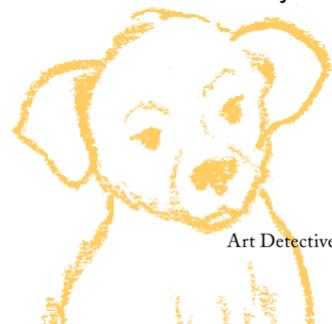
Look

Find a painting of...

Plants
Flowers
People
Animals



Which different animals
can you spot?



Paintings



Look

Find a painting that has...

Rough and bumpy paint

Imagine how the texture of the painting feels!

Write down some words to describe the texture.



In your sketchbook

Draw a sketch of a painting you would like to make.

Is it abstract or does it show people, places and things?



Prints

Go upstairs to the Sackler Wing of Galleries where you can see lots of prints.

There are a lot of ways to make a print. First, an artist creates a design on a piece of metal, wood or other surface. They ink the design, then cover it with a piece of paper, and run it through a printing press. The printed image comes out back to front from the original design.

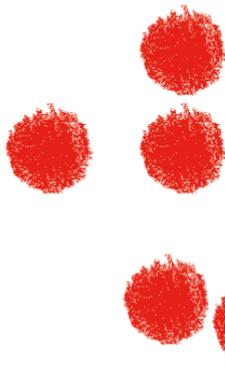
Draw

Find a print that you like in the Summer Exhibition. Sketch it here or in your sketchbook.



An artist can make lots and lots of prints from the same design. Find a print with lot of red dots next to it.

A red dot means someone has a bought one print from a series.



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Prints

Design your own gallery. What paintings, prints and sculptures would you choose to have in your gallery?
What colour would you paint the walls?



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