Summer Exhibition 2016

You will need a pencil to write and draw

Art Detectives
A guide for young visitors

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Introduction

Welcome to the Summer Exhibition 2016! You’ll find over 1200 works bursting out of our galleries – everything from paintings and prints to sculptures, photography and film. All the work on display is new or recent art, being made by artists all over the country right now! It’s a rare and exciting snapshot of what is happening in the art world today. Anyone can enter their work, from famous artists to people dabbling in painting at home. A group of Royal Academician artists chose all the artworks that went into this exhibition. This year’s exhibition coordinator is sculptor Richard Wilson RA.

Keep us up to date with what you discover, using the hashtag #RASummer on Instagram and Twitter.

There is a lot to see, so go and explore!

Section 1.

Start in Gallery III

Find a painting that you like

This room is full of paintings by different artists and each one is about something different.

Think up a story about what you think is happening in the painting

– Who are the characters?
– Are they people, or maybe animals?
– Where is it taking place?
– Is it an action story or a dramatic tale?
– How does the story end?
Section 2. Find Gallery I

Look up. Above your head is number 251, Kutluğ Ataman’s digital artwork called The Portrait of Sakıp Sabancı

This artwork has over 10,000 LCD panels and took the artist three years to finish!

The artwork is made up thousands of tiny photos. Each one is a person the artist met in his lifetime.

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Draw some portraits of people you know in the grid below. They can be people you have met once, or people you see every day.

Section 3. Go through to the Large Weston Room

In this room there are models and drawings of buildings made by different architects. Can you find …

- A building that floats?
- A building made of plastic?
- A building in a globe?
- A building made of crystals?
- A building made of tiny red men?

Architects make models of buildings before they build the real thing. Many of these models were never made into buildings, so some are very imaginative.

Write down the number of each one when you find it.

Draw your dream house below.
In this room there are landscapes of places all over the world

List below all the places you can see.

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Some artworks are a bird’s eye view from very far away and some seem to be zoomed in. Can you find the most zoomed in artwork? The most zoomed out?

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Do you think all the landscapes are on planet Earth? Why or why not?

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Find number 451: India Dewar, *Slice of the Multibran Loaf*

This painting is painted using oil paints. India Dewar chose to paint the landscape on a slice of bread!

Why do you think the artist painted on bread?

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Draw, from memory, two landscapes that are local to where you live.
Section 5. Go into Gallery V

Find number 615: Cathie Pilkington RA, *Primal Scene*

*Cathie Pilkington RA is a Royal Academician who is a sculptor and painter. When she was younger she was obsessed with making animals out of clay and painting them.*

*Primal Scene* is a picture of a tree full of birds. There are lots of different birds throughout the different galleries in the Summer Exhibition.

How many different birds can you find?

Fill in the empty tree below with different birds you saw today in the different artworks.

Section 5. Go through until you get to Gallery VIII

Find number 948: *The Areoplane, (largest dog)* and number 949: *The Aeroplane, (smaller dog)* by Annie Whiles

*These two dogs are sitting side by side in one corner of the gallery.*

What are the dogs doing? Do you think they are lost?

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How would you describe the dogs to help someone find them?

– Do they have name tags?
– What colour are they?
– How are they different?

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Section 5.

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Draw how you think the two dogs got into the gallery.

Section 6.

Go through into Gallery IX

Find number 969: David Mach RA, 
*All the Fish in the Sea*

David Mach RA has been making incredible sculptures out of unusual materials for many years. For example, he created a series called 'Matchheads', made from wooden matchsticks.

Look closely at the vases covered in patterns. You can see that they look like patterns made up of dots. The artist used different coloured pins to make the patterns.

Can you draw a pattern on the vases below using only dots?
Section 7. Turn right into the Lecture Room

The Lecture Room is full of sculptures

Artworks can be made of any materials. What is the weirdest material you can see in this room?

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Why would you not expect to see art made of this?

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Circle each of the different materials you can find artworks made of:

- fabric
- wire
- clay
- eggs
- marble
- beads
- Mr Potato Head
- metalpaint
- plastic
- net
- copper
- coat hangers
- cardboard
- paper

Section 8. Go back, through to Gallery X

Find numbers 1207 and 1208

The rope behind the woman in number 1207 is called coir and is made from the husks of coconuts.

Number 1207: Coir Rope worker, Anjalai Devi, Tamil Nadu, India is by photographer Jillian Edelstein, and number 1208 called Self Nature is by artist Dagmara Bugaj.

Compare the two artworks. What do you notice about them that is similar?

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How are they different?

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If you would like to see your drawings on the RA website, please hand in your completed Art Detective at the Reception Desk. Alternatively, if you would like to work on your picture at home and send it to us later, you can post it to:

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