

Topic 12: Art and Creativity

Background: There are many forms of art - music, dance, painting, drawing, creative writing, photography, theatre, flower arranging and calligraphy, to name a few. The arts enrich our lives as we participate in them. Today we want to talk about this.

Discussion Questions

1. What art forms do you especially enjoy observing, hearing or participating in? What art form(s) would you like to learn?
2. If you are interested in a particular art form, please describe your first experiences with that art form. What did you like about it? Was there a parent, teacher or other person who nurtured your interest in that art form? If so, please explain.
3. Does your home country value a particular kind of artist? If so, please explain.
4. Do you have a favorite artist? If so, please tell the artist's name and describe the art this person creates. Why do you like this person's art?
5. Do you enjoy going to the theater? If so, what kind of theater do you enjoy? (cinema, plays, musicals, operas)
6. What can parents do to encourage artistic development in their children?
7. Have you ever been to an art museum? If so, please tell about your experience.
8. Do you play a musical instrument? If so, please tell its name and describe the music you enjoy playing.
9. Have you ever been to a live concert? Tell us about your experience.
10. Do you like to doodle? What kinds of doodles do you make? Where and when do you doodle?

Vocabulary: creative writing, calligraphy, flower arranging, enrich, nurture, art form, cinema, musical, opera, play, artistic development, doodle