

On 25 October 1881 a little boy was born in Malaga, Spain, it was a difficult birth and to help him breathe, cigar smoke was blown into his nose! But despite being the youngest ever smoker, this baby grew up to be one of the 20th century's greatest painters-Pablo Picasso.

Picasso showed his truly exceptional talent from a very young age, his first word was lapiz (Spanish for pencil) and he learned to draw before he could talk. He was the only son in the family and very good-looking, so he was thoroughly spoilt. He hated school and often refused to go unless his doting parents allowed him to take one of his father's pet pigeons with him!

Apart from pigeons, his great love was art, and when in 1891 his father who was an amateur artist, got a job as a drawing teacher at a college, Pablo went with him to the college, he often watched his father paint and sometimes was allowed to help. One evening his father was painting a picture of their pigeons when he had to leave the room. He returned to find that Pablo had completed the picture and it was amazingly beautiful and lifelike that he gave his son his own palette and brushes and never painted again. Pablo was just 13.

From then onwards there was no stopping him. Many people realized that he was a genius but he disappointed those who wanted him to become a traditional painter. He was always breaking the rules of artistic tradition and shocked the public with his strange and powerful pictures. He is probably best known for his cubist picture, which used only simple geometric shapes. His paintings of people were often made up of triangles and squares with their features in the wrong place. His work changed our ideas about art and to millions of people modern art means the work of Picasso, Guernica, which he painted in 1937, records the bombing of that little Basque town during the Spanish civil war and is undisputedly one of the masterpieces of modern painting.

Picasso created over 6,000 paintings, drawings and sculptures. Today a "Picasso" costs several million pounds. Once, when the French Minister of Culture was visiting Picasso, the artist accidentally spilt some paint on the Minister's trousers. Picasso apologized and wanted to pay for them to be cleaned, but the Minister said, «Non! Monsieur Picasso, just sign my trousers! ».

Picasso died of heart failure during an attack of influenza in 1973.

COMPREHENSION : (15PTS)

A- Give an appropriate title for the text. (2 pts)

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B- ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE ? JUSTIFY : (3pts)

1. picasso got interested in art in his early childhood.

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2- Picasso’s work was limited to painting.

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3- Modern art is always associated with the work of Picasso.

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C- COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES : (3pts)

1- In his cubist paintings, Picasso

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2- When his father found out about his great talent, he

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3- The French minister preferred Picasso’s..... rather than.....

D- ANSWER THES QUESTIONS (4pts)

1-Why was Picasso spoilt as a child ?

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2-Why did some people disapprove of his way of painting ?

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FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT MEAN THE SAME AS : (3pt)

1.Completely (par 2)

2- Surprisingly (par 3).....

3. unexpectedly (par 5)

Language :15pts**1-Circle the correct words : 2pts**

- My friend Sam **hard / hardly** ever go to the cinema .
- I **spent / paid** 300 £ for my laptop .
- When the internet was invented, nobody thought it would become **popular / famous**.
- Don' t stick your **tongue / arm** out at people ! it' s not polite.

2-Complete the sentences with the right prepositions : 2pts

- Apart.....studying English three times a week , he also goes to British course
- Linda has been living in Canada Ten years .
- The police officer warned us the dangers of going out at night.
- Morocco has been awarded many blue flags..... the F.E.E .

3-Complete the sentences with the right phrasal verb: 2pts

Go on set up run out grow up make up for call off
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- My dad decided to the project because the bank won't lend him any money.
- Sorry ! I can 'tliving here, it becomes so noisy .
- Our food is about to We should go shopping.
- Mary was absent for ten days she has to her previous lessons.

4-Expand the notes into sentences use the past simple and the past perfect:3pt

- After we..... (swim) we(go) to get something to eat.
- The pen pals(write) lots of letters to each other before they finally.....(meet).
- Marcia..... already..... (go) to bed when Anna..... (phone) her.

5-choose the correct tense : 3pt

- How long **have you had / have you been having** your car ?
- They are happy because they **have won / have been winning** the match.
- Sara **has read / has been reading** ten pages so far.

6-Complete the sentences with the correct form: will or be going to :3pt

- I think I.....(send) some money to Africat foundation.
- My parents are really happy; they.....(go) on a safari next week.
- Look at those black clouds, it(rain) soon.

