



'One and Other' 6th July-14th October 2009

Today is the first day of the public art event 'One and Other' in Trafalgar Square, London. It is using the 'Fourth Plinth', the only **plinth** in the square which hasn't got a statue on it, as a space for self-expression. The event, which continues for 100 days, is the idea of modern sculptor Antony Gormley, who is giving 2,400 people the chance to occupy the plinth for 60 minutes in turn. Gormley is famous for



his gigantic statue in the North East of England called 'The Angel of the North'. The people on the plinth choose different ways to **entertain** the **crowd** below: taking photographs of the crowd, making

a statue with **cardboard boxes**, playing an instrument, talking about politics and **knitting** a sweater are just a few examples of their creative expression.

plinth = plinto
entertain = intrattenere
crowd = folla
cardboard boxes = scatole di cartone
knitting = lavorare a maglia

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1 Complete the text with the following words.

fourth - 2,400 - statue - Other - 60 - Trafalgar - sculptor - crowd

Antony Gormley is a famous who has made a gigantic of an angel in the North of England. His exhibition in Square is using the plinth as a space for self-expression. A total of people have minutes to entertain the below. The exhibition is called 'One and

2 Listen to June who has been on the plinth in Trafalgar Square, read the statements and mark them true (T) or false (F).



- June lives in London.
- She is reading extracts from the Narnia books.
- She is reading everything correctly.
- June represents a charity for children who can't speak.
- She is happy to go on top of the plinth.

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Banksy vs Bristol Museum

Banksy is a graffiti artist in Bristol, England who is now so famous for **hijacking** public locations with his **witty** art that he has an official **exhibition** in Bristol at the Bristol Museum. No one knows what Banksy looks like because he installs all of his art in secret and keeps his identity a total mystery.

Banksy's artwork is usually controversial, always provoking and great for **prompting** discussion. The message is usually anti-war, anti-capitalism and/or anti-establishment. He paints with stencils, which makes the quality of his images surreal and almost photographic.



Fine Art or Graffiti?

Mat Benote is a controversial 'fine art graffiti' artist who **tricks** security staff in major museums such as the Guggenheim Collection and the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York. He installs his **own** art amongst famous pieces.

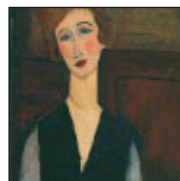
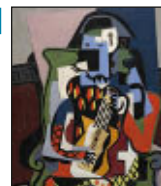


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3 Match the paintings with their descriptions.

- 1 Constable's paintings show idyllic country scenes.
- 2 Lichtenstein paints using a modern comic strip technique.
- 3 Picasso explores 3-dimensional forms.
- 4 Turner paints foggy sea scenes.
- 5 Monet loves painting flowers on water.
- 6 Modigliani changes the shape of people's faces.



4 You are asked to go on the plinth and use it for self-expression. What will you do? Consider these ideas or choose one of your ideas, and explain why.



- Sing a selection of songs from a favourite singer or group.
- Make a piece of art on the plinth.
- Stand like a statue.
- Tell stories or jokes.
- Do mime.