

## ПРИЛОЖЕНИЯ

### 1. АУДИОКУРС

#### No 1. Exercise 3.

**Listen to the text “Famous Artists” and say which of the artists:**

- a) worked not only in the field of visual arts;
- b) was born, worked and died in the 17th century;
- c) made frescoes for one of the famous Catholic churches;
- d) didn't like to paint in his studio;
- e) couldn't earn money selling his pictures.

#### **Famous Artists**

1. Vincent Van Gogh was born in Holland in 1853. In 1888 he moved to Arles, in the south of France, attracted by the sunny southern landscape — especially its fields full of sunflowers. Van Gogh loved the local sunflowers and painted them again and again. He used the paintings to decorate his house. He suffered from mental illness and killed himself in 1890.

2. In the 15th and 16th centuries, there were lots of new discoveries in art and science. This period is known as the Renaissance. Many star Renaissance artists worked in Italy, including Leonardo da Vinci. He was born in the small Italian town of Vinci, which is how he got his name — “da Vinci”, means “from Vinci”. He was interested in science and engineering as well as art, and filled notebooks with hundreds of designs. He even designed a flying machine though it never has flown. One of his world-famous portraits is the Mona Lisa, which Leonardo painted between about 1505 and 1514.

3. Another Renaissance star is Michelangelo Buonarroti. He came from the Italian city of Florence. He is famous for his sculptures as well as paintings, and he was very good at creating strong, muscular bodies. In fact his art shows he knew a lot about anatomi-

my which he probably discovered by dissecting dead bodies. Michelangelo's admirers called him "Divine Michelangelo". One of his greatest achievements was decorating the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican palace, in Rome. He covered it with more than 3,000 figures illustrating scenes from the Bible. The work took four years — most of which he spent flat on his back just below the ceiling. He was very uncomfortable. He wrote poems about it.

4. Claude Monet was born in France in 1840. He liked to paint fast and out of doors, so he could capture the changing effects of light and weather. Compared to many other artists, his pictures are like quick "impressions" — which made art critics call this style Impressionism. At first people mocked his sketchy, atmospheric paintings. But, by the time Monet died in 1926, he was one of the world's most successful artists. One of his masterpieces is "The Water Lily Pond" painted in 1899. Monet painted his lily pond over and over again. In fact, he is famous for making series of paintings showing the same scene in different conditions.
5. Harmensz van Rijn Rembrandt was born in Holland in 1606. He became one of the leading artists of his time. He made most money by painting portraits, but he also painted scenes of ordinary life, filled with realistic details. Such as "The Artist in His Studio" showing Rembrandt going about his daily work. This painting of Rembrandt has many lifelike touches, from the artist's tools to the cracks in the walls. The artist is wearing his fancy-looking robe which is in fact an ordinary housecoat to keep warm. Unfortunately Rembrandt fell out with his clients and died, bankrupt in 1669.

#### **No 2. Exercise 4.**

**Listen to the text "Ballet Dancers" and say if the statements below are true, false or not mentioned in the text.**

#### **Ballet Dancers**

Edgar Degas was born in France in 1834 and studied law before taking up art. He specialised in painting dancers and racehorses, and women washing themselves. As he grew older, he