

### Overview

Watch the video podcast. Who do you have the most in common with?

1 Watch Andrea's introduction on the video podcast from 0:00 to 0:24 and cross out the incorrect words.

- 1 She *is/isn't* a very artistic person.
- 2 She *can/can't* play the guitar very well.
- 3 She wants to study *photography/cinematography*.



2 Do you do anything creative in your life? Look at the people below and read the statements about them. Then watch the video podcast from 0:24 to 1:40 and underline the correct alternatives.



**A Circe**

- 1 She's a student of *architecture / photographer*.



**B Heather**

- 2 She used to *cook / make her own clothes*.



**C Sara**

- 3 She *plays bass guitar in a band / composes music for films*.



**D Damien**

- 4 He 's an art student and also *makes short films / does T-shirt design*.



**E Lucy**

- 5 She *draws and dances / is a choreographer*.



**F Tom**

- 6 He *makes music videos / writes poetry*.

3A Is there anything or anyone that really inspires you? Read the answers in the box and watch the video podcast from 1:42 to 3:34. Tick the answers you hear.

Caravaggio ✓	Boticelli	Van Gogh	Andy Warhol	Jason Statham
Richard Avedon	Carlos Acosta	Miró	Radiohead	Joker
Oscar Wilde	Picasso	D.H. Lawrence	Shakespeare	Dylan Thomas
the three Welsh Thomases	Bach	Björk	Quentin Tarantino	

**Glossary:** *Joker* = British musician who creates dubstep music; *the three Welsh Thomases* = famous Welsh poets: Edward Thomas (1878–1917), R. S. Thomas (1913–2000) and Dylan Thomas (1914–1953)

**B** Look at the people below and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 1:42 to 3:34 again. Complete the answers with the famous people in the box above.



Opera singers and perhaps <sup>1</sup> Caravaggio and even Van <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ .



Maybe <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Statham. He's quite, he's quite funny. He's a good British actor. I like him.



Yeah, a lot of things: people, fashion; um, <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Avedon was always a big inspiration to me, um, in photography. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and a couple of other painters've always been my 'go-to' to get inspired.



If you listen to British music, there's a lot of really good artists coming out these days, and <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and ASBO are my favourite, um, creative artists right now, at this time.



I do like D.H. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ as a poet and I like the Thomases. You know, the three Welsh Thomases – all three of them.



I would say some musicians like <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ – she inspired me a lot. I really like her crazy style.

**Glossary:** 'go to' (infl) = the fashionable place/person to visit/see

**4** In what ways do the Arts influence your life? Look at the statements about some of the people in Exercise 3. Then watch the video podcast from 3:34 to 4:51 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.

- 1 **Heather:** She spends quite a bit of time going to art galleries and concerts, though paintings and sculpture can move her emotionally more than music. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 **Darryl:** His experience of doing creative things at school has influenced him and given him the ambition to work in stage management, or as a director. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 **Tom:** He thinks that the Arts are the only way to experience the real things in life in a world full of meaningless nonsense. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 **Michele:** She is a very expressive and liberated person, so being free is more important than art. \_\_\_\_\_

## The way we speak

5 Read Vanessa's answer below. Then watch the video podcast from 2:21 to 2:40 and complete each space with ONE word. Notice the phrases she uses which are common to American English.



I've taken, I was, I've <sup>1</sup> been doing, going to <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ here and I've taken a course on Victorian literature while I was here and I love a <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of the different writers back then. And I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of have this thing for Oscar Wilde, like he's hilarious. I love to read his stuff. I don't know, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I don't try and write like him, but I really do like to, <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, study his writing and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. So I <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you could say he inspires me.

### Personalisation

6 Write a paragraph answering Andrea's questions. Use language from the podcast if possible.

- Do you do anything creative in your life?
- Is there anything or anyone that really inspires you?
- In what ways do the Arts influence your life?

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### BBC LINK



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