

Art vocabulary to use with Early Childhood students

Abstract Instead of making an artwork about a house, or a person or a cat, an artist might use only lines or shapes or colours.

Art Gallery/Museum A special place where you can go and see artwork. Artwork needs to be especially cared for so it doesn't get broken, lost or damaged. Usually you are only allowed to look at the artwork in an Art Gallery or Museum. Sometimes, if you ask the people that work in the Gallery or Museum, there might be special artworks that you can touch very carefully.

Artists, Designers and Craftspeople All of these people make art! ***What sort of artist would you like to be?***

Artwork Something that an artist makes. An artwork can be a painting, a drawing, a sculpture or a textile. ***What other things could you call an artwork?***

Composition When an artist is finished making an artwork, the composition is the way that all the parts fit together. Sometimes a composition might look good to you and sometimes a composition might look very different to what you expect. ***Try making your own composition!***

Construction The way that artists build things and make things to fit together.

Design A design is a bit like having a plan. Artists sometimes need to make a plan to help them make an artwork.

Inspiration Inspiration is a very special feeling or idea that you might have, which helps you make an artwork. You might see something very beautiful which will give you an idea to make a beautiful artwork, or you might feel very sad and be inspired to make a sad artwork.

Recycle Sometimes artists recycle things to use in their artwork. Recycling means to use something again instead of throwing it away. ***What could you recycle or use again to make an artwork?***

Sculpture A sculpture is an artwork that is not flat like a drawing on paper. Sometimes you can see all around a sculpture – the front, the sides, the bottom and the top. Sometimes you can even imagine using your hands to feel what a sculpture might feel like. Usually in an Art Gallery or Museum you can only imagine what a sculpture might feel like. ***Why can't we touch the artwork in an Art Gallery or Museum?***

Textile A textile is an artwork made from things like wool, string, plastic, fishing line, cloth, material or fabric. ***Choose your favourite textile to make an artwork!***