

Banksy

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Bristol isn't the only place in Britain to welcome and accept graffiti. A park in Dundee, Scotland, has the longest legal graffiti wall (almost 110 metres long) in the UK. Anyone can paint on the wall any time they like. The idea of this graffiti wall project is to demonstrate the positive side of graffiti and to organise workshops and graffiti classes for local children.

Even the capital of the country could not stay free of street art. There's a special website dedicated to London's street art and artists. The site's team is a group of enthusiastic young people who are closely connected with the street art world. They try to record and register all the works and display them on their 'Street Art London' site. That is quite a job to do! The reason is that street art is very temporal and short-lived: graffiti is soon covered by another wall painting so they have to be quick to take a picture and post it on the website.

1. Banksy sold his works to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery.

1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

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2. Banksy's personality remains mysterious to people.

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3. Banksy often takes part in advertising campaigns for different goods.

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4. The film reviews strongly criticised Banksy's film.

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5. Banksy's film was based on his autobiography.

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6. Banksy was put on the list of the most important world figures.

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7. Graffiti is officially allowed in Dundee park, Scotland.

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8.The website about London's street art and artists is administered by Banksy.

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Вы два раза услышите пять высказываний, обозначенных буквами А, В, С, D, Е. Установите соответствие между высказываниями и утверждениями из следующего списка: к каждому высказыванию подберите соответствующее утверждение, обозначенное цифрами. Используйте каждое утверждение из списка 1–6 **только один раз**. В задании есть **одно лишнее утверждение**.

1. The speaker talks about an animal care organization.
2. The speaker believes environmental education is very important.
3. The speaker is against keeping exotic animals as pets.
4. The speaker explains how to protect exotic animals.
5. The speaker says that common animals are disappearing.
6. The speaker talks about health reasons for keeping pets.

Запишите в таблицу выбранные цифры под соответствующими буквами.