



DVD PREVIEW

1A Work in pairs. Look at the picture above and the background photo. Which of the words/phrases in the box would you use to talk about graffiti?

eye-catching has artistic merit positive
 defaces buildings striking stimulating
 offensive provocative conveys a message
 ugly hideous pleasing to the eye messy

B Read the programme information and answer the questions.

- 1 Who is Banksy?
- 2 Why do you think he keeps his identity a secret?
- 3 Why did Bristol host a Banksy show?

BBC The One Show

The mysterious graffiti artist Banksy, whose pioneering work has brought graffiti into mainstream art and whose pictures fetch hundreds of thousands of pounds, is rumoured to be from the city of Bristol. While no one knows for certain if this is true as his identity is a closely guarded secret, the city recently hosted an exhibition of Banksy's work. So what do local people think of Banksy and graffiti in general? Carrie Burnell, a reporter from BBC 1's topical magazine programme went along to find out.



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2A Watch the DVD. Do these people think graffiti is art (A) or vandalism (V)?

- Spud Murphy _____
 Woman 1 _____
 Man 1 _____
 Man 2 _____
 Woman 2 _____
 Woman 3 _____
 Man 3 _____
 Man 4 _____

B Watch the DVD again and complete the sentences.

- 1 We've been astounded by the number of people coming through the door and _____ down the street.
- 2 The spray painting work is onto canvas, so it's actually _____ his work in a different way.
- 3 ... you can't have _____ for one and not for the other.
- 4 Has graffiti really become a credible and _____ art form or is it seen by most as just vandalism?
- 5 Very, very artistic, very _____ to the eye, and sometimes it has a very _____ message...

3 Work in pairs and discuss whether you agree/disagree with the statements.

- 1 Holding an exhibition of graffiti is irresponsible because it encourages people to think spray-painting graffiti on public buildings is acceptable.
- 2 There's a difference between artistic graffiti and simple vandalism. There should be separate laws for graffiti artists like Banksy and for kids who just deface property.

