

Lesson 38a: There is a new exhibition  
レッスン 38a: 新しい展覧会があります

Target: Having a conversation about museums  
目的: 博物館や美術館について会話をしてみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) think of oneself as being...	自分のことを～だと思う
• (to) conserve...	保護する
• the general public	一般の人々
• (to) express oneself	自己表現する
• (be) ancient	古代の
• (to) discover...	～を発見する
• (to) make a guest appearance	ゲスト出演する
• the Renaissance	ルネサンス
• (be) priceless	値段が付けられないほど貴重な

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Hi I'm Sam. I'm really interested in history. I like to think of myself as being a little bit of a historian. I really like going to museums. I usually go once or twice a month. I think I've probably gone to over 100 museums in the last 10 years, which isn't too hard as I have to travel a lot for business and that always gives me more and more opportunities to visit new and exciting museums. A museum is simply an institute that conserves a collection of items (usually artifacts) for the general public to view.

My favorite museum is the Museum of Contemporary Art. I really enjoy looking at different types of art and how people express themselves. I also like the National History Museum because they have so many items of scientific, artistic, cultural and historic importance. I think it's very important that we educate our children on the importance of preserving our heritage for future generations.

Last week, I went to an exhibition at a local museum that was showcasing different artifacts from ancient Egypt. They had some wonderful sculptures, they even had the original archaeologist who discovered the artifacts make a quick guest appearance and have a quick chat with the crowd. It was really cool to meet a real archaeologist. I had never met one before. The exhibition was just temporary; it was only on for three weeks. I usually prefer going to see the temporary exhibitions because I've already seen the permanent exhibits at the local museums multiple times.

My favorite era or time period in history has to be the Renaissance. Anytime I see works of art from the Renaissance I always imagine what life would have been like during one of the most amazing times in the history of art.

I remember when I went to the Louvre in Paris, there were so many beautiful works of art. I wanted so see them all, but I just didn't have time. I got to meet the curator of the Louvre though. That was fun. And after talking to him for a bit I realized that it was really hard to run a museum and care for all the different priceless artifacts.

One museum I haven't been to yet, but would like to is the baseball hall of fame. My son is really into baseball so maybe I'll take him sometime.

## 2

Answer the questions below

- Does he think of himself as being a historian?
- What is a museum?
- What does he think it's important to educate children on?
- What was the local museum showcasing last week?
- Who did he meet at the local museum last week?
- What's his favorite era?
- Who did he meet when he visited the Louvre?
- What museum does he want to go to?

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