

Lesson 24

There is a new exhibition on.

Target: Having a conversation about museums.

Vocabulary

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Museums



Related vocabulary

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| - an exhibition | - a curator / to curate ... | - to be contemporary |
| - a work (of art) | - a collection / to collect ... | - to be scientific |
| - to showcase ... | - preservation / to preserve ... | - to be artistic |
| - to exhibit ... | - an archaeologist | - to be cultural |
| - an exhibit on ... | - a historian | - to be historical |
| - an institute | - to be of... importance | - an era |
| - a sculpture | - to educate ... on... | - an artifact |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

1. What artifacts or sites do you know that are of scientific, artistic, cultural, or historical importance?
2. What are some permanent or temporary exhibits that are currently available for public viewing?
3. Why do you think it's important to preserve important artifacts?
4. What are some famous works of art (sculptures / statues / paintings) that you know?
5. What do you think is the most important scientific discovery? Is it in a museum?
6. What museums in Japan and overseas do you know? Which one is your favorite? Why?
7. What do you think you'd see at an aviation / military / national history museum?
8. What kind of museum is "Madame Tussaud's?" Have you ever been there? What did you think of it?
9. Would you ever like to run / curate a museum? Why? / Why not?
10. What is your favorite era from history and why?

Partner #2: Questions

1. What do you think you'd see at a science / art / maritime museum?
2. How important do you think it is to preserve cultural artifacts?
3. If you found something of major historical importance would you donate it to a museum or sell it? Why?
4. What do you think is the most important work of art in human history? Why?
5. Would you rather be a historian or an archaeologist? Why?
6. What's the difference between a sculpture and a statue?
7. What would you like to see an exhibition on?
8. What do you think it's important to educate people on nowadays?
9. What are some exhibitions at different museums that are on display at the moment?
10. What's the most interesting thing you've done in a museum?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- 1. Role play:** Partner #1: You are a tour guide. Give your partner a tour of a museum.
Partner #2: You are on the tour. You are very curious and have lots of questions.
- 2. Speech:** If there could only be one museum in the world, what would you put in it and why?
- 3. Debate:** You want to build a manga museum, but your partner wants to build a different museum.
- 4. Debate:** You think we should cut the museum's funding, but your partner doesn't agree.