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Unit 13 - Lesson 1 - Famous Artists

Vocabulary

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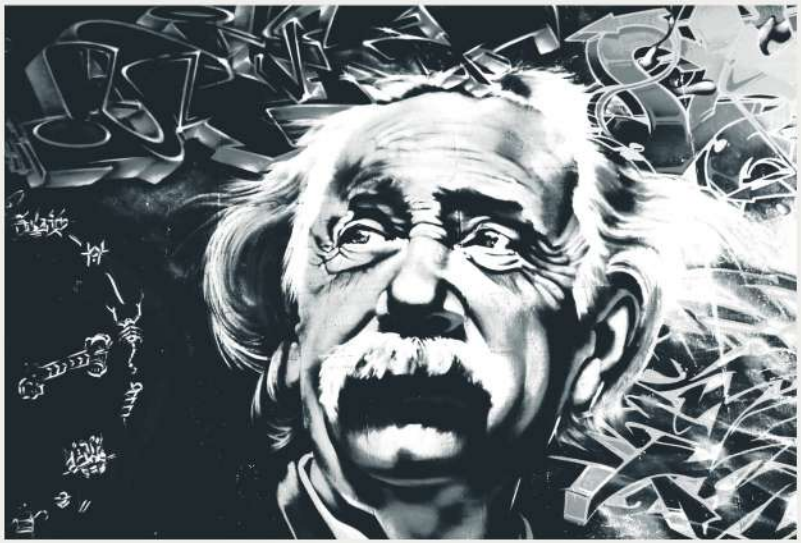
Artists - Vocabulary

polymath: (n) person who has knowledge about many different subjects



Albert Einstein, a **polymath**, was known for his knowledge in physics, philosophy, and music.

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mural: (n) a large painting that is done directly on a wall or ceiling

The artist spent weeks working on the elaborate **mural** that covered the school's exterior wall.

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deteriorate: (v) to become worse in quality over time

The condition of the old house began to **deteriorate** after being left vacant for several years.

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realistic: (adj) something that appears or seems very much like the real thing

The movie's special effects were so **realistic** that it felt like we were in the future.

Let's Read!

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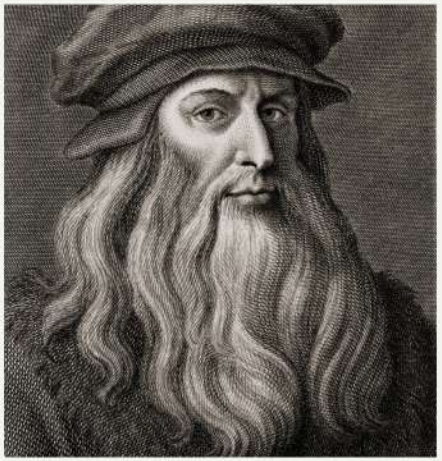
Leonardo da Vinci: An Artist, Inventor and So Much More

Imagine being known as one of the world's greatest artists while also being a scientist, inventor, and writer. That sounds like a character from a fascinating book, doesn't it? Well, this was the reality for the **polymath** Leonardo da Vinci, a man of multiple talents from Italy.

Leonardo was born in Vinci, a small town in Italy, over 500 years ago. From a young age, his curiosity was like a never-ending river, always flowing and always eager to learn more. He filled notebook after notebook with sketches, designs, and thoughts on a variety of topics. If you think about it, Leonardo was like a walking encyclopedia!



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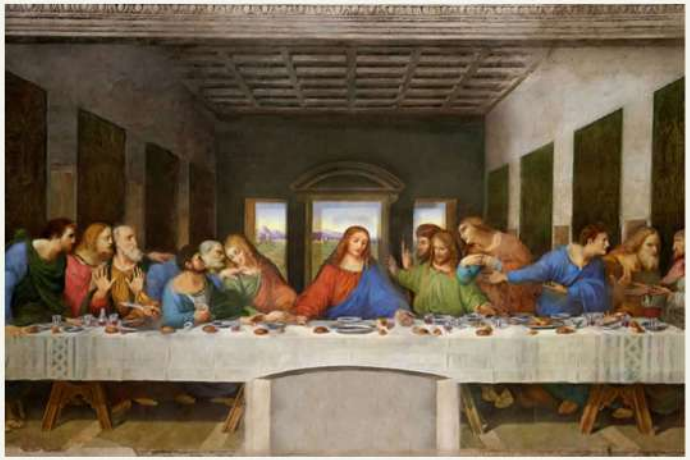

One of his most recognized artworks is the **mural** named "The Last Supper." This grand piece of art illustrates a critical moment: Jesus Christ and his disciples sharing their last meal together. To create this piece, Leonardo painted directly onto a dry wall, a different approach that allowed him to change details as he went along. However, this method led to the painting **deteriorating** over time. But don't worry, experts managed to restore it, and we can still admire it today.

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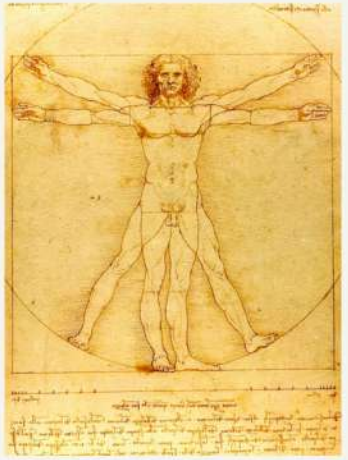
Another famous painting by Leonardo is the "Mona Lisa." Known across the globe, this painting is famous for her mysterious smile. Is she smiling? Or is she not? That question has puzzled people for centuries and made the painting incredibly popular.

But Leonardo's skills and interests didn't stop at painting. He was captivated by how the human body works, an interest known as "anatomy." He studied and understood the human muscles and bones, which significantly helped him paint people more **realistically**. His study of anatomy, even though it might seem a bit unusual, was an essential part of his art.



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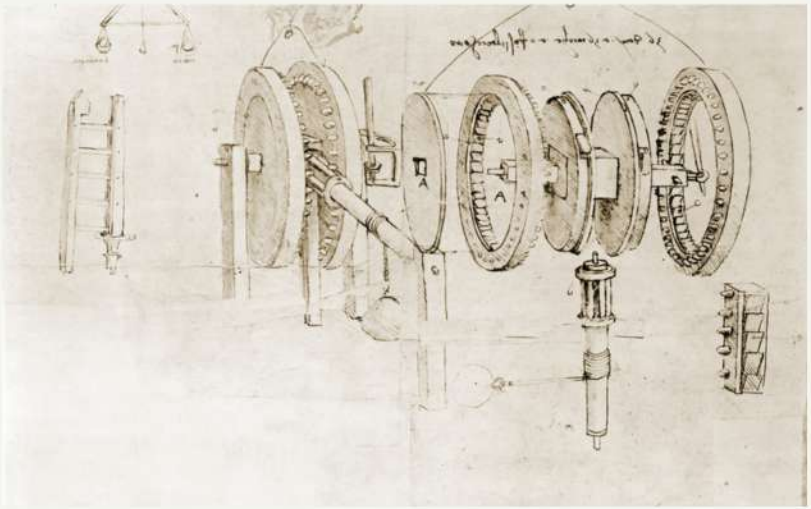

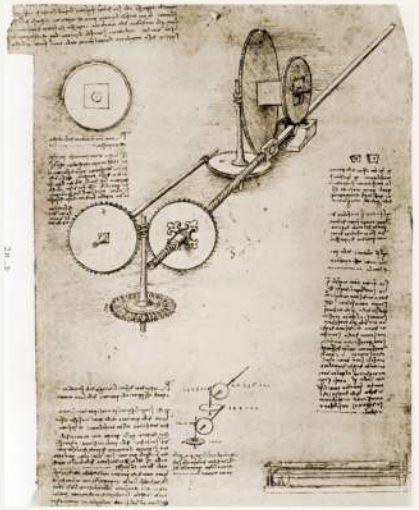

On top of all this, Leonardo was also an aspiring inventor. Long before they were a reality, he sketched designs for things like helicopters and tanks. His drawings from hundreds of years ago show that he was ahead of his time, thinking about machines that we use in our daily lives today.

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Leonardo da Vinci's life teaches us a lot about curiosity and learning. He once said, "All our knowledge has its origins in our perceptions." That's a fancy way of saying that everything we know comes from what we see and experience. So the next time you are curious about something, remember to observe and learn, just like Leonardo did.

Leonardo da Vinci was more than just an artist; he was a curious learner, an ambitious inventor, and an insightful observer. His life reminds us that it's never too late to learn something new. Who knows, you might end up like Leonardo da Vinci, a master of many talents!

Grammar

Passive Voice With Get

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We usually use the 'be' verb + past participle to form the passive voice.

He **was** kicked off the team.

The house **was** damaged in a fire.

However, with many passive sentences, we can also use 'get' instead of the 'be' verb.

He **got** kicked off the team.

The house **got** damaged in a fire.

Phonics!

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Prefix "anti"

The prefix anti means "against" or "opposite."

Antibacterial: It works against bacteria.

Antivirus: This refers to software that protects against viruses. on your computer.

Antifreeze: A liquid that is added to the water in an engine to stop it from freezing in cold weather.

Antisocial: Opposed to the principles of social order, or behaving in a way that avoids social interaction.

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See You Next time!