



# אנסין באנגלית לכיתה ח'

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## Modern Art

For many years, people got used to seeing works of art that they could easily recognize and understand, for example, a sculpture\* of

a tree, a painting of a sailboat or of a plate of fruit. However, modern works of art are not always easy to understand. Much of the art done by modern artists is about creating a feeling through their work. When people see these creations, they don't always understand the meaning of the art. Sometimes they don't even realize that they are looking at art.

A funny incident happened at a modern art gallery in London. One morning the cleaner came into the gallery to clean up after a party.

While cleaning, he noticed that one of the tables was covered with cigarettes, empty bottles, coffee cups and candy wraps. He thought it was trash and threw everything in the garbage can. The cleaner didn't know that he threw away an expensive piece of modern art by the British artist Damien Hirst. The art represented his messy art studio. Luckily, the "trash" was found and was put back together.



פסל - sculpture

In a different place, in Israel, the artist Karin Mendelovici was displaying her own art show in a gallery. One of her creations included a real chocolate cake on a simple table. The beautifully decorated cake represented the artist's memories from her childhood birthday celebrations. One of the visitors at the gallery thought the cake was there for the visitors to eat and enjoy. He took the knife and was just about to cut himself a piece when the gallery owner stopped him.

Modern art is seen differently by different people. Some people think that modern art is not really art because it looks like anyone could make it. After all, anyone could bake a cake or put trash on a table and call it art. Modern artists claim that they are interested in expressing their emotions through their creations. For them, sometimes the meaning of the art is even more important than the creation itself. Next time you go to a gallery or a museum, remember that art is sometimes more than what you see.

## Questions

1. A sculpture of a tree, a picture of a sailboat or of a plate of fruit are examples of \_\_\_\_.
- a  art that is easy to understand
  - b  art that creates a feeling
  - c  expensive works of art
  - d  modern art creations

2. Why is the word "trash" (line 19) in quotation marks (מירכאות)?

- a  because the cleaner created the art
- b  because it wasn't in the garbage
- c  because the cleaner took out the garbage
- d  because it wasn't garbage, it was really art

3. How do you think Damien Hirst felt when he heard about the incident at the London gallery?

Explain your answer using information from the text.

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4. Why did the gallery owner in Israel stop the visitor from eating the cake?

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30. What do the works of art by Hirst and Mendelovici have in common?

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31. Some people **don't** like modern art.

They think that \_\_\_\_.

- a  modern art creations are easily recognized
- b  emotions shouldn't be a part of modern art
- c  you don't have to be an artist to make modern art
- d  modern art does not represent the real world



## Living Like a Turtle

It is known that turtles carry their houses on their backs. But did you know that there are also people who move their house from place to place? Houses that move are built for different reasons.

Some people like traveling from place to place with their house and sleeping in their bed every night. These people live in a *caravan*. A *caravan* is a house on wheels and it has many things you would expect to see in a house: a kitchen, a bed, a bathroom and furniture.



In Mongolia, some people live in a round house made of fabric\*. This type of house is called a *ger*. Families that live in a *ger* own cows and goats.

The animals eat the grass around the house. When there is no more grass for the animals to eat, the family carries the *ger* to a new place where their animals can find food.

\* fabric בד –

Another house that can be moved is the *bulla*, which is found in Uganda. This is a round house made of straw, which is very light and easy to carry from place to place. When the weather changes and it rains, people carry their *bulla* to dry areas. They stay there until the weather changes again.



Native American Indians used to live in triangular-shaped tents called *tepees*. These houses were usually made of pieces of animal skin



covering long sticks of wood, and were easy to move. Indian families moved their *teepee* to find better places to hunt animals for food. Indians don't live in *teepees* anymore. Today they are only used for special events.

People build different types of houses for all kinds of reasons. Whether they live in a house that can be moved or not, most people agree that there is no place like home.

## Questions

1. The text is called "Living Like a Turtle" because \_\_\_\_.

- a  like turtles, some people live in round houses
- b  like turtles, some people carry their houses with them
- c  like turtles, some people have many different houses
- d  like turtles, some people have grass around their house

2. Why do people move the *ger* from place to place?

- a  to find a place with many animals to hunt
- b  to look for a dry place for the animals
- c  to find a place with food for the animals to eat
- d  to look for different animals around the world

3. When do people move *bulia* houses?

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4. How are *caravans* **different** from the other houses in the text?

- a  *Caravans* can be moved.
- b  *Caravans* have wheels.
- c  People still live in *caravans*.
- d  People feed animals in *caravans*.

5. Complete the table below

...Made of	People who live/lived there	Type of house
fabric	a. _____	<i>ger</i>
c. _____	People in Uganda	b. _____
animal skin	e. _____	d. _____

6. The *ger*, *bulla* and *tepee* are **not** heavy.

Why is this important?

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