

נערך על ידי מטיק מרכזי למידה



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.

- 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.

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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	
	ь	art that creates a feeling	
		expensive works of art	
		modern art creations	



2.	Why is the word "trash" (line 19) in quotation marks (מירכאות)?			
	a	because the cleaner created the art		
	ь	because it wasn't in the garbage		
		because the cleaner took out the garbage		
	\Box_{b}	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.			
4.	Why did the gallery owner in Israel stop the visitor from eating the cake?			
30	• What o	do the works of art by Hirst and Mendelovici have in common?		
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