

Words to Know

Art Vocabulary for preschool Students

Searching for a starting point to speak with very young students about art? These words are easy to demonstrate in the classroom or a museum.

ARTIST – a man, woman or child who creates art.

CANVAS - the cloth used for an acrylic or oil painting that is typically made of linen or cotton, stretched very tightly and tacked onto a wooden frame.

COLLECTION – a group of objects that have something in common that is kept in the same place.

COLOR – the hues in a work of art that include red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet, black, white, brown, pink and many others.

EASEL – a wooden or aluminum stand that holds an artist’s painting or drawing while he or she is working on it.

LANDSCAPE - a painting, photograph or other work of art that depicts outdoor scenery such as mountains, valleys, trees, rivers and forests.

LINE – the element of art that is described by a mark made by a pen or other tool that shows direction.

MUSEUM - a place dedicated to the exhibition, study, conservation, acquisition and educational interpretation of objects.

PAINTING – a work of art made primarily with paint.

PHOTOGRAPH – a work of art made while using a camera; a work of art made where light creates the image on the final surface.

PRINT - the method of using a printing plate or stamp to create one or a series of multiple originals called prints.

SCULPTURE - art in three dimensions - height, width and depth - that is made out of clay, metal, stone, found objects or any variety of other materials.

