

Useful vocabulary

abstraction (n): freedom from representational qualities in art / αφαίρεση

alternate (v): to change repeatedly between two contrasting conditions / εναλλάσσομαι

amply (adv): plentifully, more than necessary / άφθονα

appealing (adj): attractive, interesting / ελκυστικός

art dealer (n): person who buys and sells works of art / έμπορος έργων τέχνης

average (v): to reach a particular amount as an average / είμαι κατά μέσο όρο

be drawn to (v): to be attracted by / ελκύομαι

beholder (n): person who observes someone or sth / παρατηρητής

blend (into) (v): to merge one colour with another one / αναμιγνύομαι

brushstroke (n): mark made by a paintbrush drawn across a surface / πινελιά

cherish (v): to hold sth dear / αγαπώ, εκτιμώ, θεωρώ πολύτιμο

come to terms with (phr): to accept a painful, difficult event or situation / αποδέχομαι (κάτι οδυνηρό, δύσκολο)

Unit 4 Vincent van Gogh

- countless (adj):** too many to count / αμέτρητος
- divergence (n):** difference in opinions, interests / απόκλιση, διαφορά
- emotional (adj):** characterised by strong feelings or relating to a person's feelings / ευσυνκίνητος ή σχετικός με τα συναισθήματα
- engagement (n):** involvement with sb or sth in an attempt to understand them or it / δέσμευση
- epilepsy (n):** serious neurological disorder / επιληψία
- essence (n):** most important quality or feature of sth / ουσία, βασικό σημείο
- expressionism (n):** style of painting in which the artist tries to express his/her inner feelings / εξπρεσιονισμός
- fauvism (n):** style of painting that uses bright colours and in which objects and people are represented in a non-realistic way / φωβισμός
- fit (n):** sudden attack of an illness / κρίση (ασθένειας)
- found (founded, founded) (v):** to start, establish (an organisation) / ιδρύω
- impassioned (adj):** showing strong feelings about sth / παθιασμένος
- impressionism (n):** style in painting that uses colour to show the effects of light on things not showing their exact details / ιμπρεσιονισμός
- impressionist (n):** artist who paints in the style of impressionism / ιμπρεσιονιστής
- in earnest (phr):** seriously and intensely / στα σοβαρά, για τα καλά
- insight (into) (n):** deep understanding / ενόραση, επίγνωση
- introspective (adj):** thinking about your own ideas, thoughts and feelings / ενδοσκοπικός
- keen (adj):** showing great perception / οξυδερκής
- looseness (n):** fairly free movement / χαλαρότητα
- lucidity (n):** brightness / φωτεινότητα, διαύγεια
- make one's mark (phr):** to manage to get recognition or distinction / αφήνω το στίγμα μου
- notably (adv):** especially / ιδιαίτερα
- pastor (n):** minister in charge of a Christian church / πάστορας, ιερέας
- physician (n):** doctor / γιατρός
- pointillism (n):** painting technique in which very small dots of colour are used to build up the picture / πουντιλισμός
- pursue (v):** to chase sb trying to catch them / καταδιώκω
- response (n):** reaction to sth / απόκριση, αντίδραση
- self-confidence (n):** trust in your own abilities / αυτοπεποίθηση
- stroke (n):** mark made by drawing a paintbrush in one direction / πινελιά
- take up (phr v):** to start to do sth, especially for pleasure / ξεκινώ (ένα χόμπι, δραστηριότητα, άθλημα)
- temperament (n):** person's nature as shown through their behaviour / ιδιοσυγκρασία, ταμπεραμέντο
- tension (n):** state of being tight and stiff / ένταση
- to a certain extent (phr):** up to a point / μέχρι κάποιου σημείου
- ultimately (adv):** in the end, finally / τελικά
- undermine (v):** to lessen the effectiveness, power of sth / υπονομεύω, υποσκάπτω
- unstable (adj):** likely to have psychiatric problems / (ψυχικά) ασταθής
- usage (n):** way in which sth is used / τρόπος χρήσης
- vibration (n):** continuous shaking movement / δόνηση
- volatile (adj):** changing easily from one mood to another / εκρηκτικός (χαράκτῆρας)