**UNIT 4 Vincent van Gogh**

**Vocabulary 1. P.36-37**

* **Starry** adjective UK /ˈstɑː.ri/ US /ˈstɑːr.i/ adjective

**With stars , lit by stars or shining like a star:**

*a starry night/sky*

* **Blaze** verb [ I ] UK /bleɪz/ US /bleɪz/

**to burn brightly and strongly:**

*The sun was blazing down that afternoon.*

* **Swirl** verb UK /swɜːl/ US /swɝːl/ [ I or T, usually + adv/prep ]

**to move quickly with a twisting, circular movement, or to make something do this**:

*The fog swirled thickly around us.*

*Swirl a little oil around the frying pan.*

* **Haze** noun [ C or U ] UK /heɪz/ US /heɪz/

**something such as heat or smoke in the air that makes it less clear, so that it is difficult to see well:**

*The road through the desert shimmered in the haze.*

*I saw her through a haze of cigarette smoke.*

* **China** noun [ U ] UK /ˈtʃaɪ.nə/ US /ˈtʃaɪ.nə/

**clay of a high quality that is shaped and then heated to make it permanently hard, or objects made from this, such as cups and plates:**

*china plates*

* **Hue** noun [ C ] UK /hjuː/ US /hjuːhue noun [C] (COLOUR)

**(a degree of lightness, darkness, strength, etc. of) a colour:**

*In the Caribbean waters there are fish of every hue.*

* **Amber** noun [ U ] UK /ˈæm.bər/ US /ˈæm.bɚ/ **a hard, transparent, yellowish-brown substance that was formed in ancient times from resin (= a substance produced by trees) and is used in jewellery:**

*He has a collection of prehistoric insects preserved in amber.*

**yellow-orange or yellow-brown in colour**:

* **Weathered** adjective UK /ˈweð.əd/ US /ˈweð.ɚd/

**changed in colour or form over a period of time because of the effects of sun, wind, or other weather conditions :**

*weathered stone/tiles*

**His silver hair was cut short around his weathered face.**

* **Soothe** verb [ T UK /suːð/ US /suːð/

**to make someone feel calm or less worried:**

*to soothe a crying baby*

* **Sanity** noun [ U ] UK /ˈsæn.ə.ti/ US /ˈsæn.ə.t̬i/

**the state of having a healthy mind and not being mentally ill:**

*He'd been behaving so strangely that they began to doubt/question his sanity*.

* **Ragged** adjective UK /ˈræɡ.ɪd/ US /ˈræɡ.ɪd/ ragged adjective (UNTIDY)

(**of clothes) torn and not in good condition:** **wearing dirty, ragged clothes**

* **Thorn** noun [ C ] UK /θɔːn/ US /θɔːrn/

**a small, sharp pointed growth on the stem of a plant.**

* **Bloody** adjective UK /ˈblʌd.i/ US /ˈblʌd.i/

**covered with or full of blood:**

*a bloody nose*

**extremely violent and involving a lot of blood and injuries:**

*It was a long and bloody battle and many men were killed.*

* **Crush** verb UK /krʌʃ/ US /krʌʃ/ crush verb (PRESS)

**to press something very hard so that it is broken or its shape is destroyed:**

*The package had been badly crushed in the post.*

* **Sketch** noun [ C ] UK /sketʃ/ US /sketʃ/ sketch noun [C] (SIMPLE SHAPE/FORM)

**a simple, quickly-made drawing that does not have many details:**

*My mother made a (pencil) sketch of my brother reading a book.*

* **Linen** noun [ U ] UK /ˈlɪn.ɪn/ US /ˈlɪn.ɪn/

**strong cloth made from the fibres of the flax plant:**

*a linen jacket*

*the crumpled charm of linen*

* **Palette** noun [ C ] UK /ˈpæl.ət/ US /ˈpæl.ət/

**a thin board with curved edges and a hole for your thumb, used by artists to mix their paints on while they are painting:**

*I was like an artist with his palette.*