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# Dutch Art Heist: Andy Warhol Prints Stolen and Damaged in Bungled Theft

## Description

Thieves tried to steal four artworks in the Netherlands. However, they only took two because the rest were too damaged to carry. These artworks were made by famous artist Andy Warhol. They were of four queens from different countries.

The theft happened at an art gallery. It was recorded on security cameras. The gallery owner, Mark Peet Visser, said the thieves used a bomb to blow open the gallery's door. This caused a lot of damage to the building. He also said the thieves were not very good because they could not fit all the artwork in their car.

Two of the damaged artworks were left on the street. The ones taken were of Queen Elizabeth II of the UK and Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. The artworks of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and Queen Mother Ntombi Tfwala of Eswatini were left behind.

People know little about the theft. One thing that strikes them is that the thieves used explosives. Normally, thieves do not use explosives to steal art.

The police are looking for people who saw the theft. They are also studying the damaged gallery. Mark Visser says the artworks are worth a lot of money. But an art detective says they are not unique. This means they will not be as valuable as other artworks.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Theft** /θɛft/ (noun): The act of stealing.
2. **Artworks** /'ɑ:rt.wɜ:ks/ (noun): Pieces of art typically visual art.
3. **Explosives** /ɪk'splɒsɪvz/ (noun): Substances that explode typically used for demolition or theft.
4. **Gallery** /'gæləri/ (noun): A room or building for the exhibition of art.
5. **Valuable** /'væl.jə.bəl/ (adjective): Having considerable worth or value.
6. **Damaged** /'dæm.ɪdʒd/ (adjective): Harmed or injured causing a reduction in value or quality.

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. Who are the artists of the stolen artworks in the Netherlands?

- Option: Vincent van Gogh
- Option: Pablo Picasso
- Option: Andy Warhol
- Option: Leonardo da Vinci

2. How many artworks were attempted to be stolen?

- Option: Two
- Option: Three
- Option: Four
- Option: Five

3. Which two queens' artworks were successfully stolen?

- Option: Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Beatrix
- Option: Queen Margrethe II and Queen Mother Ntombi Tfwala
- Option: Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Margrethe II
- Option: Queen Beatrix and Queen Mother Ntombi Tfwala

4. What caused the damage to the artworks that were left?

- Option: Fire
- Option: Water leak
- Option: Explosives
- Option: Vandalism

5. Which queen's artwork was not stolen?

- Option: Queen Elizabeth II
- Option: Queen Margrethe II
- Option: Queen Beatrix
- Option: Queen Mother Ntombi Tfwala

6. Why did the thieves leave two damaged artworks behind?

- Option: Too heavy
- Option: Not valuable
- Option: Too damaged to carry
- Option: Not enough space in the car



## True-False

7. The thieves successfully stole all four artworks.
8. The gallery owner, Mark Peet Visser, stated the thieves did a masterful job in stealing the art.
9. The theft was not captured on security cameras.
10. The stolen artworks were all of different kinds from various countries.
11. The artworks left on the street were in perfect condition.
12. An art detective mentioned that the artworks are unique and extremely valuable.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Andy Warhol 2. Four 3. Queen Elizabeth II and Queen Margrethe II 4. Explosives 5. Queen Beatrix 6. Too damaged to carry

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. False 12. False

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What word describes the incident that left everyone surprised?  
Option: Arrested  
Option: Shocking  
Option: Supportive  
Option: Hopeful
2. Which part of the body is affected by colorectal illnesses?  
Option: Colon  
Option: Rectum  
Option: Cheddar  
Option: Police
3. Where were the valuable artworks damaged due to explosives?  
Option: Concert



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- Option: Gallery  
Option: Relationship  
Option: Robbery
4. What do people do to mark special events?  
Option: Celebrate  
Option: Distributor  
Option: Taken  
Option: Hospital
5. What do you call a supportive connection between individuals?  
Option: Support  
Option: Relationship  
Option: Explosives  
Option: Surprise
6. What does a distributor expect in exchange for goods or services?  
Option: Theft  
Option: Pay  
Option: Illness  
Option: Capture
7. What happened to the perpetrator of the theft at the gallery?  
Option: Arrested  
Option: Colorectal  
Option: Special  
Option: Hopeful
8. Which emotion do people feel when they receive support during illness?  
Option: Valuable  
Option: Hopeful  
Option: Taken  
Option: Damaged
9. What type of cheese is not related to the police or hospitals?  
Option: Explosives  
Option: Cheddar  
Option: Surprise  
Option: Support
10. Who investigates a robbery at a concert?  
Option: Relationship  
Option: Pay



- Option: Police  
Option: Gallery

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. After the accident the injured were rushed to the \_\_\_\_\_ for medical treatment.
12. His prolonged absence from work was due to a severe \_\_\_\_\_ that required long-term care.
13. The police are investigating the \_\_\_\_\_ of valuable items from the art gallery.
14. The unexpected gift was a pleasant \_\_\_\_\_ for her birthday.
15. During trying times having a strong \_\_\_\_\_ system can make a significant difference.
16. The suspect was finally \_\_\_\_\_ by the police after a lengthy pursuit.
17. Despite the challenges they remained \_\_\_\_\_ about the outcome of the situation.
18. A strong \_\_\_\_\_ is built on trust respect and mutual understanding.
19. The valuable artifacts in the museum were severely \_\_\_\_\_ during the earthquake.
20. On New Year's Eve people come together to \_\_\_\_\_ the arrival of the new year.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The bomb disposal unit safely detonated the found near the art gallery.
22. The thieves stole several artworks from the museum to sell on the black market.
23. The new exhibition at the featured contemporary works by local artists.
24. The police apprehended the suspect involved in the bank after a tip-off from a witness.
25. Despite the setbacks the team remained that they could turn the situation around.
26. She was grateful for the unwavering and care provided by her family during her illness.



27. The was responsible for delivering the products to various stores across the country.
28. The suspect was into custody for questioning regarding the recent break-ins.
29. The news of the sudden arrest was to everyone who knew him.
30. Regular screenings are essential for the early detection of cancers.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Shocking 2. Colon 3. Gallery 4. Celebrate 5. Relationship 6. Pay 7. Arrested 8. Hopeful 9. Cheddar 10. Police

**Gap-Fill:** 11. hospital 12. illness 13. theft 14. surprise 15. support 16. captured 17. hopeful 18. relationship 19. damaged 20. celebrate

**Matching sentence:** 1. explosives 2. valuable 3. gallery 4. robbery 5. hopeful 6. supportive 7. distributor 8. taken 9. shocking 10. colorectal

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