Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1. legal  
2. graffiti  
3. vandalism  
4. controversial  
5. anonymous  
6. hardly ever  

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<td>1</td>
<td>legal</td>
<td>a.</td>
<td>painting or writing on a wall in a public place</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>graffiti</td>
<td>b.</td>
<td>the act of breaking or damaging something</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>vandalism</td>
<td>c.</td>
<td>rarely; not often</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>controversial</td>
<td>d.</td>
<td>nameless; unknown</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>anonymous</td>
<td>e.</td>
<td>(about a topic) causing a lot of discussion, debate and argument</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>hardly ever</td>
<td>f.</td>
<td>something that you are allowed to do, according to the laws of a country</td>
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1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. The ‘Banksy versus the Bristol Museum’ exhibition was at a museum in Bristol. **True**  **False**
2. Banksy likes to give interviews. **True**  **False**
3. We don’t know Banksy’s real name. **True**  **False**
4. Banksy has painted graffiti on animals. **True**  **False**
5. *Exit Through the Gift Shop* was the name of a popular piece of graffiti. **True**  **False**
6. Britain’s longest legal graffiti wall is in Scotland. **True**  **False**

2. Check your understanding: matching

Match the numbers with their meaning in the text.

1. more than 100  
2. 2 million  
3. 2009  
4. 1973  
5. 2003  
6. 2010  
7. four  
8. 110  

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| 1 | The year of the ‘Banksy versus the Bristol Museum’ exhibition.  
| 2 | The number of works by Banksy at the Bristol Museum exhibition.  
| 3 | The year Banksy was (probably) born.  
| 4 | The amount of money (in dollars) that Brad Pitt paid for a Banksy painting.  
| 5 | The number of times (at least) Banksy has refused to do adverts for Nike.  
| 6 | The length in metres of the graffiti wall in Dundee.  
| 7 | The year Banksy made a film called *Exit Through the Gift Shop*.  
| 8 | The year Banksy designed an album cover for Blur.  

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3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a person or place from the box.

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1. ____________ is the location of the museum and Banksy’s hometown.
2. ____________ is one of the world’s most famous graffiti artists.
3. Banksy painted on the wall which divides Israel and ____________
4. ____________ bought a painting by Banksy for $2 million.
5. The longest legal graffiti wall in the UK is in ____________.
6. ____________ organises the legal graffiti wall in Dundee, Scotland.

Discussion

Is there a lot of graffiti in your town or city?

Are there any famous street artists like Banksy where you live?