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**Level 5** – 27th May 2024

## Ghanaian one-year-old world's youngest artist

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240527-worlds-youngest-artist-5.html>

Guinness World Records has recognized a toddler from Ghana as the world's youngest artist. It acknowledged Ace-Liam Nana Sam Ankrah when he was just one year and 152 days old. He began painting at the age of six months. His mother Chantelle, also an artist, said it was obvious her son had artistic talent from that young age. She explained how he began painting. She had been asked to create a work for Miss Universe 2023. While Chantelle was working, she gave Ace-Liam a canvas and some paint. She said he had an affinity for colour as he crawled over the canvas.

Ace-Liam is attracting attention across the art world. His work was shown at Ghana's Museum of Science in January. He sold nine of the 10 pieces on show. Art lovers have bought six more of his paintings this year. Ghana's first lady asked him for a painting. Chantelle said her son is creating a stir and "a buzz" with his artistic flair. She said: "He has...heightened the conversation about art appreciation." She said: "His abstract paintings are inspired by the world around him." Guinness said: "There is no doubt that Ace-Liam has an exciting career ahead of him."

Sources: <https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/news/2024/5/gifted-toddler-from-ghana-gains-global-recognition-as-worlds-youngest-artist-769600>  
<https://nypost.com/2024/05/24/lifestyle/guinness-names-youngest-ever-male-artist-and-his-paintings-are-selling-fast/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cn0015ejx8po>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. recognized a toddler        | a. canvas              |
| 2. when he was just one year   | b. had artistic talent |
| 3. He began painting at the    | c. for Miss Universe   |
| 4. it was obvious her son      | d. for colour          |
| 5. how he                      | e. and 152 days old    |
| 6. create a work               | f. from Ghana          |
| 7. She said he had an affinity | g. age of six months   |
| 8. crawled over the            | h. began painting      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. attracting attention across       | a. world around him |
| 2. He sold nine of the 10            | b. art appreciation |
| 3. Chantelle said her son is         | c. doubt            |
| 4. heightened the conversation about | d. pieces on show   |
| 5. abstract                          | e. ahead of him     |
| 6. inspired by the                   | f. the art world    |
| 7. There is no                       | g. paintings        |
| 8. Ace-Liam has an exciting career   | h. creating a stir  |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Ace-Liam (7) \_\_\_\_\_ across the art world. His work was shown at Ghana's Museum of Science in January. He sold nine of the 10 (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Art lovers have bought six more of his paintings this year. Ghana's first lady asked him for a painting. Chantelle said her son is creating a stir (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with his artistic flair. She said: "He has...heightened the conversation (10) \_\_\_\_\_." She said: "His abstract paintings (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the world around him." Guinness said: "There (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that Ace-Liam has an exciting career ahead of him."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ARTISTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2405/240527-worlds-youngest-artist-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about artists in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

