



Art

Galleries, painting, and how to talk about what you see.

Art and artists

искусство	art	натюрмóрт	still life
худóжник	artist, painter	икóна	icon
картина	painting	скульпту́ра	sculpture
рисунок	drawing	ста́туя	statue
портрёт	portrait	архитекту́ра	architecture
пейза́ж	landscape	фотогра́фия	photograph, photography

Where you see it

музе́й	museum	коллеќция	collection
галере́я	gallery	шеде́вр	masterpiece
вы́ставка	exhibition	Эрми́таж	the Hermitage
зал	hall, room	Третьако́вская галере́я	the Tretyakov Gallery

Materials and words to use

кисть	brush	стиль	style
краски	paints	цвет	colour
холст	canvas	све́тлый / те́мный	light / dark
ра́ма	frame	совреме́нный	modern, contemporary

In the gallery

Мне нра́вится э́та карти́на.
I like this painting.

Кто написа́л э́ту карти́ну?
Who painted this picture?

Пойде́м на вы́ставку.
Let's go to the exhibition.

Э́то о́чень краси́во.
That is very beautiful.

Ско́лько сто́ит вход?
How much is entry?

You write a painting, not draw it

In Russian an artist пи́шет карти́ну — writes a picture. рисо́вать is for drawing, in pencil or line. It is the same verb as writing a letter, and it is what you will see on every gallery label, so it is worth not being thrown by it.