

**Муниципальный этап Всероссийской олимпиады школьников
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Тексты аудирования

ONE

At a time when people are struggling to make ends meet, my party finds it incredible that the council are choosing to invest in an art gallery. We should be facing the challenge of soaring unemployment, energy shortages, education and poverty. We understand that they see it as boosting tourism and creating jobs, but we certainly don't see it as the best way to spend taxpayers' money so we shall be voting against the proposal.

TWO

Even if it's just putting up a picture, always ensure you have good quality tools and materials. Cheap paint and brushes will give you a cheap finish and tools that aren't sharp will lead to frustration. The basic kit you need is a drill, hammer and saw. You should also get a power screwdriver if you want to save yourself a lot of time and energy. You can hire other tools to do more sophisticated jobs. Always wear protective gear to avoid injury and staining your normal clothes.

THREE

I have to say, not everything is that easy to put together, and I think that's why some of the things are brought back. People make an impulse purchase and when they get home they struggle to follow the instructions. So we have to have quite a strict policy: we replace any parts that are missing and we only give refunds if products break after they've been constructed correctly or are already damaged – scratched paint or whatever.

FOUR

You look at some of the paintings and you wonder how they did it, because they look so lifelike, down to every little detail. I could never do that! You can understand why people want to go up close – you want to reach out and touch, but I have to tell them to stand back. It can be pretty dull at times and if you are in a room with dark, somber paintings, it can affect your mood. Mind you, I was monitoring the Matisse room the other day and it's great, all those bright cheerful colours.

FIVE

Our auction of celebrity artworks was a huge success, raising enough money to buy twenty thousand bed nets to protect against malaria. It also raised awareness of our organisation and what we do and we hope to build on that. Although the conflict is undermining some of our efforts to distribute aid in the country, we are confident we will continue to improve basic healthcare and improve child mortality among those living in poverty.