

# Art Words

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## Abstract

To take out, or remove parts of objects in a composition, so that works of art do not look like real or recognisable objects.

## Graphic

A clear 2 dimensional image.

## Figurative

Works of art in which we can easily recognise objects from the world we know.

## Expressionistic

Exaggerations and distortions of line and colour to show emotions or feelings.

## Impressionistic

A work of art which shows an impression rather than a clear picture.

## Surrealistic

Imagined pictures and objects found in fantasy and dreams.

## Avant-Garde

Ideas or techniques which are the newest in art.

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## Frottage

A piece of art made by taking rubbings from a surface.

## Montage

A 2 dimensional artwork made up from overlapping images; in photomontage, only photographs are used.

## Maquette

A small-scale model, made as a 3 dimensional preliminary sketch.

## Sgraffito

A technique of scratching away a surface to reveal other layers of material underneath.

## Relief

An image carved out to stand above the background.

## Content

The content of an artwork is its subject matter such as people, buildings and plants depicted in a painting.

## Contemporary Art

Art which is currently being produced by living artists.