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Art and Literature Vocabulary Quiz: Portrait, Sculpture, Poetry

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Explanations

1. The gallery is putting on an ___ of photographs from the 1960s.
✔ **B) exhibition**
For a few months the gallery shows these photos, and people come to see them: that is an exhibition. The h is silent.

2. Michelangelo's David is a famous stone ___ of a man.
✔ **D) sculpture**
You can walk round David and see him from every side: he is a sculpture. Michelangelo, who cut the stone, was the sculptor.

3. The artist painted a ___ of her mother sitting by the window.
✔ **A) portrait**
A portrait is about one face: her mother sits still and the artist studies her.

4. To print this wide photo of the mountains, choose ___.
✔ **C) landscape**
A landscape shows a view: hills, a river, sky. A wide page or photo is called landscape too.

5. The painting shows three apples, a jug and some bread on a table. It's a ___.
✔ **A) still life**
A still life is a picture of things that do not move: apples, a jug, bread. The plural is still lifes.

6. I can't see any people or trees in it, just coloured squares. It's ___ art.
✔ **B) abstract**
Abstract art shows shapes, lines and colours, not real people or things.

7. He works in thick oil paints on a large ___.
✔ **D) canvas**
Before he starts, he pulls strong cloth tight over a wooden frame: that is his canvas.

8. Light, soft colours mixed with water on paper: this is a ___.
✔ **C) watercolour**
A watercolour is a picture painted with paint mixed with water. American English spells it watercolor.

9. An ___ dries slowly, and you can see the thick brush marks.
✔ **A) oil painting**
An oil painting uses thick, shiny paint that dries slowly. An oil painter is the artist.

10. The Mona Lisa is often called Leonardo's ___.
✔ **D) masterpiece**
Of all Leonardo's work, the Mona Lisa is the one people talk about most: his masterpiece.

11. She studied English ___ at university: novels, plays and poems.
✔ **B) literature**
Literature means novels, plays and poems, especially the ones people study. Literacy is being able to read and write.

12. I don't read much ___, but I love this short poem.
✔ **C) poetry**
Poetry is uncountable, so it goes with much. One piece is a poem, and the writer is a poet.

13. The young ___ has just ___ her second novel.
✔ **B) novelist … published**
A novelist writes novels. When a company prints and sells a book, it is published. Roman means a novel in some languages, but not in English.

14. Shakespeare was a poet and a ___.
✔ **A) playwright**
A playwright writes plays. It is spelt -wright, like an old word for a maker.

15. The ___ of the story is a dog, and the book became a ___.
✔ **C) narrator … best-seller**
The dog tells the story, so the dog is the narrator. Everyone was buying the book, so it became a best-seller (a noun; best-selling is the adjective).

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