

My gallery

FEEL THE ART

Experiencing works of art through senses



Dear children,
welcome to the Gallery of Matica Srpska, the treasure house of beautiful and valuable works of art. The Gallery of Matica Srpska is one of the oldest museums in Serbia and it is located in the center of Novi Sad.

Who works at the Gallery?

I am the Curator. I take care of works of art and study them. I explain to children and grown-ups the values of the works of art in our treasure house.



Permanent display of the 19th century

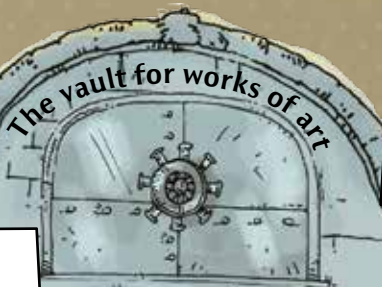
Children's Room



I am the Museum Cashier. I sell tickets and souvenirs. I welcome everyone who comes to the Gallery. You can buy a ticket from me as well as a souvenir as a memento of your visit.



Museum Shop



I am the Conservator and Restorer. I make sure that works of art are carefully preserved, but I also treat and fix damaged works of art. I can restore their old glory.

The conservator's workshop



I am the Museum Security Officer. I guard the Gallery and the works of art in it. I watch out so that no one steals them.



Permanent display of the 20th century



Permanent display of the 18th century

I am the Manager. I am in charge of everything and I have big responsibilities. With the help of my colleagues I try to make the Gallery the best museum it can be.



Ceremonial Salon



*I am the Magical Matica.
I will take you to the world of museums...
We will discover works of art together and
they will awaken your senses.*

What do you think, how do we experience works of art?

Works of art are works of visual arts such as paintings, sculptures, drawings and graphics. We experience them primarily with our sense of sight.

We watch and see what is represented in a work of art: people, objects, nature.

We notice details, colors, composition but also brush strokes made by the artist.



*These signs will help us understand each other
better while you are reading this book:*



DRAW



TASK



DID YOU KNOW?



FUN FACTS

Can we experience a painting or a sculpture with other senses as well?

The artist presents his or her artistic ideas with lines and colors and awakens all our senses and emotions!

Let's have a peek into the world of art works and listen to the hum of the sea, smell the scent of fresh spring flowers, sweeten our palates with juicy fruit, and feel the gentle touch of the finest materials.



We perceive the outside world with five senses.
These are sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch.
Thanks to our senses, we can talk, read, hug a person dear to us,
and enjoy the taste of our favorite dish and the fresh smell of nature.



Task

Write on the line below the painting which sense helps you to perceive the activity depicted.



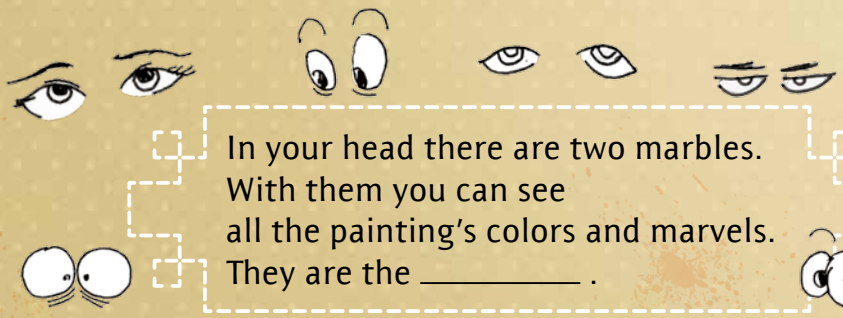
When it comes to senses,
we are all very different
– not everyone is able
to use all five of their
senses equally.



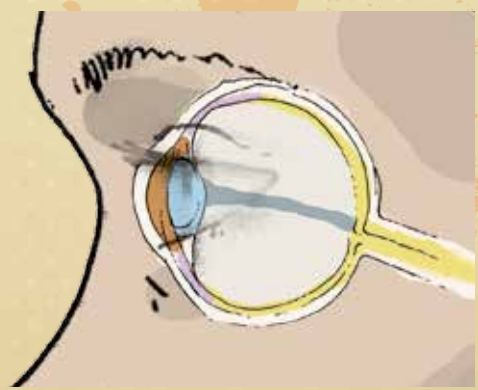
FEEL THE ART WITH YOUR SENSE OF SIGHT!

How do we see?

The organs of sight are the eyes. They are two small bulbs, well protected in the cavity of the orbit. The eye itself is sensitive to light and colors, and transports information to the brain through the optic nerve. The brain analyzes the information received from both eyes and combines it to retrieve the picture in color and motion. This is how we can see things around us.



In your head there are two marbles. With them you can see all the painting's colors and marvels. They are the _____.



Task

When someone has a keen eye and notices things, we can say that they are eagle-eyed. Check if you have an eagle eye. Find the differences.





Fun fact

Some people have trouble seeing certain colors. Daltonism is the inability of a person to tell red from green.

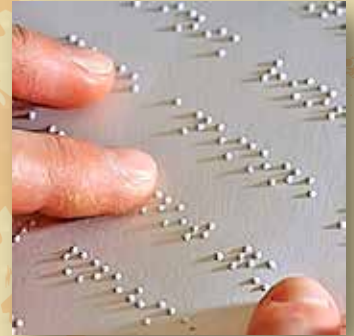
Did you know?

Some people are born blind or lose their sight during their lifetime.

Even though they cannot see, they can read by using braille alphabet i.e. by touching small, round bumps made of raised dots. This writing system for blind people was created in the 19th century by a French teacher, Louis Braille, who was blind since childhood.

A person who cannot see uses a white cane and moves it left and right while walking so that he or she could notice an obstacle on time.

Also, dogs – man's best friend, help these people. There are specially trained dogs that lead blind people. Labradors, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds are best at this.



FEEL THE ART WITH YOUR SENSE OF HEARING!

How do we hear?

The organs of hearing are the ears. They make it possible for us to hear sounds. The ears are shell shaped so they could trap sound better and direct it into the inner ear. There is an auditory nerve in the center of the ear that carries hearing information to the brain. Then the brain analyzes and sorts out the sounds.



Did you know?

There are people whose auditory nerve has not developed and they cannot hear. Those who were born deaf often do not speak, because speaking is learned by listening to others. There is a special sign language for people with hearing and speech impairment. In order to communicate, they use their hands to make signs that represent words.

Task

Learn sign language



Hello!



What is ...



your ...



name?

Fun fact

Why can some people wiggle their ears?

A very long time ago, in prehistoric times, the muscles of the ears enabled people to point them in all directions and try to hear where danger might come from. Since we do not need that today, the muscles have shrunk, although some people still have a better mobility of these muscles.





Use your imagination and listen to these pictures.

The pictures show a volcanic eruption and wheat rustling in the wind. How is it possible for an artist to show sound with colors and brush strokes? The artist portrayed the volcanic eruption with a bursting red color and used brush strokes to show the waving, rustling wheat and the swishing of the wind.



Task

Find out what kind of sound can be heard from each picture.
Match the characteristics of sounds with the appropriate picture.

penetrating

gentle

forcible

frightening

crackling

quiet



Dimitrije Petrović
Vesuvius in Flames, ca. 1870



Milan Konjović
Wheat, 1938

What do you think, how were words like 'rustling' and 'swishing' created?
Try to think of similar words.



Novak Radonić
Girl with a Canary, 1858

The girl in the picture has a canary on her finger.
Can you hear its song?
The canary is a singing bird. It communicates with other birds, but also courts its mate with its chirp.
In order to show us that the girl sings beautifully, the artist painted the canary. This way, the artist is telling us that her voice is silvery and gentle like the chirp of this bird.



Can you name some other singing birds?
This riddle can help you remember.

They're sitting on a branch,
practicing scales.
Listen to the beautiful song
of _____.

There are natural sounds made by nature and humans – chirp, thunder, murmur of water, wind and speech. There are also artificial sounds produced by humans using various objects.

A concert is a true delight to our ears.
In this picture a young man is playing the mandolin.
Perhaps he is using his song, just like the little bird,
to court the girls.

What do you think, does nature too play its part
in this concert?

Imagine you are in the company
of the girls and the young man.
What other sounds can you hear
apart from the mandolin?



In this picture the artist painted
an old folk instrument – gusle.
In the past, people used to sing songs accompanied
by gusle, handing them down from generation to
generation, keeping the songs alive.
Have you ever heard the sound of this instrument?



Danica Jovanović
Still Life with Gusle, 1909



Sava Šumanović
Concert in the Field, 1925

Did you know?

The mandolin and gusle are
wooden string instruments.
You can produce sounds with
them by using your fingers or
a fiddle, pressing the strings or
strumming them.

Task

Make your own string instrument.
Tighten a rubber band
between two objects and
strum it with your fingers.
What kind of sound can you hear?



Bogdan Šuput, *A Bar in Paris*, 1939

The orchestra in this picture is playing a concert. This, however, is not an open-air concert; it is in a café.
Look at the picture carefully.
The musicians are playing various instruments. Can you recognize some of them?
Imagine what kind of music they are playing...
The people in this café are making various sounds. Listen to them. What other sounds, apart from music, can you hear in this picture?



Task

Here is a little help. Write the sound you can hear in the boxes next to the details from the picture.



Play the Rain Game with your friends. Make the sound of rain with your bodies. First, all of you gently snap your fingers (light rain), then clap your hands (shower) and finally, stomp your feet (storm).



Ivan Tabaković, *Genius*, 1929

Pay attention to how the musicians have been positioned by the artist in the picture.



Draw an orchestra so that it sounds harmonious.

There are musicians painted in this picture as well. What do you think, what kind of music can be heard?

When music is pleasing to the ears and tuneful we say it is harmonious, whereas when it is unpleasant and the instruments are in discord we say it is disharmonious.

Did you know?

The trumpet and the trombone are brass wind instruments. The musician produces sound by blowing air from the lungs, through the lips into the instrument.

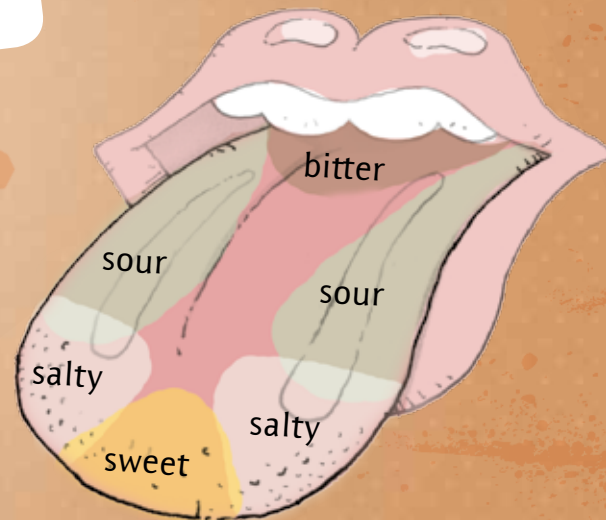




FEEL THE ART WITH YOUR SENSE OF TASTE!

How do we taste?

The organ of taste is the tongue. We can sense with it whether the food is salty, sweet, sour or bitter. The tongue can discover different tastes with the help of little buds that cover its surface. However, different parts of the tongue are sensitive to different tastes.



Fun fact

Children have a lot more taste receptors than grown ups. This is why they are especially sensitive to strong tastes and spices. Grown ups can eat chili peppers easily, but they are too hot for children.



Did you know?

The senses of taste and smell are connected. We cannot recognize certain tastes without the sense of smell.

Hold your nose and try some fruit yogurt. Your tongue will only sense the sweet taste, but you will not sense whether it is the taste of strawberry, apricot or banana.



The old lady in the picture is about to have lunch. She prepared soup, bread, meat and potatoes. What do you like to have for lunch?

Use your imagination and try to sense what the painted food tastes like.



Draw your favorite lunch.



Katarina Ivanović
An Old Lady Praying Before the Meal, 1841–1842

A long time ago there were no shops and people produced their own food. They grew fruit, vegetables, grains and made bread. Do you know what the old lady in the picture needed to knead the bread?



Task

Circle the ingredients necessary for kneading bread.



water



yeast



salt



flour



yoghurt



sugar



butter



Milan Konjović, *Onion, Checked Napkin*, 1951

Try to picture yourself in the painting! Imagine that you are having the food depicted for breakfast. Can you taste the different flavors? Which one do you like the best?

Task

What do onions and bacon taste like? Write in the spaces below.





Fun fact

Have you noticed that people cry when cutting onions? The reason for this is that, when cut, onions release invisible particles that provoke tears in contact with our eyes.



What do you think, how did bacon get its name?



What fruits can you see in the picture? Which one do you find to be the tastiest? Skillfully painted fruit looks juicy and delicious, as if it was real. So real, that we almost want to taste it.

What things can we make of fresh fruit? Does that change the taste of fruit?



Task

Match the fruit and the product made of it.
Write in the boxes what the fruit and the products taste like.













Dimitrije Petrović
Still Life with a Watermelon, 1857

It had a good time on the vine,
and then it ended up in wine.
It is called _____.

Did you know?

Watermelons and melons are actually vegetables from the gourd family. As every vegetable, they have to be planted every year, whereas perennial plants produce fruits.





Đorđe Bošanjac
Still Life with Orange Peel, 1956

Someone peeled an orange
here to have something
sweet to eat.
What was left on the table?



The peel protects the juicy part
of the fruit, like the skin protects
our body.

What do you think, what does
orange peel taste like?

Did you know?

Paintings of objects, bowls with fruit and
vegetables or vases with flowers
are called *still life*.

Task

Find the pages in this book with
still lifes on them and write their
numbers here _____



Even though we do not eat the orange
peel, our moms and grandmas use
grated orange peel to make cakes
because of the specific flavor it gives.



Sava Šumanović, *English Women in Paris*, 1925

Look carefully at the picture. What tastes are the ladies on the outing in Paris enjoying? They are having sweet _____, and drinking bitter _____, but what does the water in the pitcher taste like?

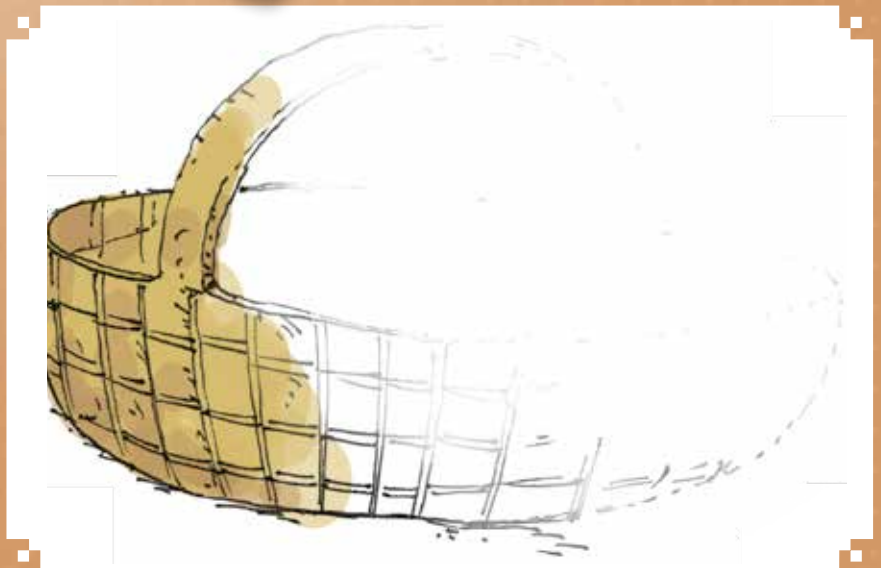
Water is a liquid that has no taste, odor and color. Look at the color the painter used to paint it!

Water is essential for life. Unfortunately, there is less and less drinking water on the planet. So, use it wisely.



Draw the food you like to take on a picnic in this basket.

Always remember to take water to an outing.





FEEL THE ART WITH YOUR SENSE OF SMELL!

How do we smell?

The organ of the sense of smell is the nose. It catches odors. Odors are tiny particles released by plants and living creatures. They float in the air and stimulate the tiny receptor hairs located at the bottom of the nose. These receptors use a nerve to send the odors to the brain which recognizes them.



Did you know?

The nose can identify around 10,000 odors.



Fun fact

Some people have a very developed sense of smell that enables them to do a particular job – to be a „nose“. „Noses“ are people who are important in the development process of perfumes. They are capable of isolating the finest scents of flowers in order to mix them and create new fragrances. With a little help from us, try to name other jobs that require recognizing various odors. Try to draw the people who do these jobs.



In spring nature wakes up and showers us with various odors. They inspired our artist to paint these spring flowers.

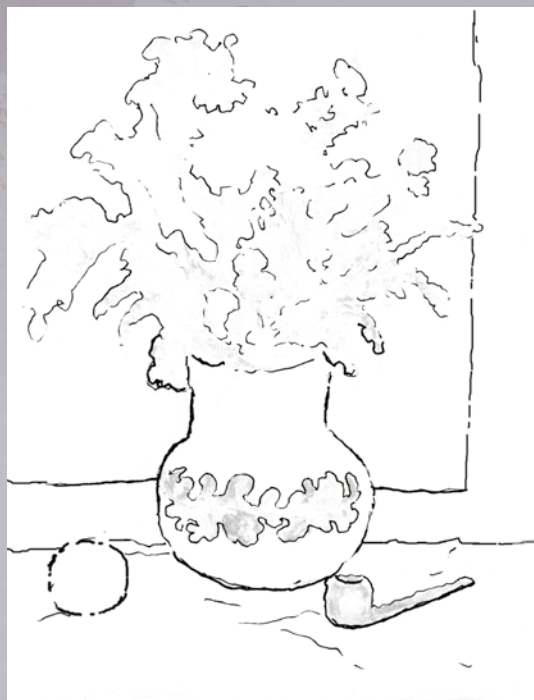
Flowers use their smells and colors to attract insects that carry their powder – pollen from one flower to the other. This is the way pollination is done. Without it, the reproduction of flowers would be impossible.

However, not all flowers smell pleasantly to humans. How do the flowers in the picture smell to you? Which colors tell you that they are fresh and fragrant?

I like the smell of all flowers.



Milivoj Nikolajević
Spring Flowers, 1940



Task

Color the drawing with dark and dull colors.
Think whether the flowers still seem fragrant.

This picture can help you go back to the seaside for a moment and remember all those smells of the sea.

The sea, beaches and harbors have a unique smell.

The sense of smell can take us back to the past and evoke memories better than any other sense.

The tingling scent of fish, salt and pine
will bring summer to your mind.
Images you will then see
will be of the blue, blue _____.



Petar Dobrović, *Sailing Boats in Harbor*, 1935



Draw everything that reminds you, with its smell, of the seaside and summer.
This can be your little seaside scrapbook.

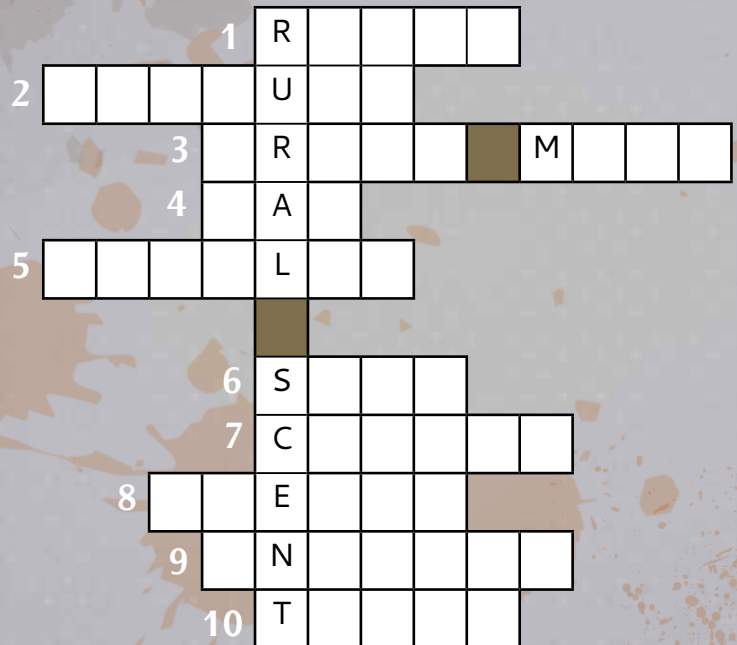


Ivan Radović, *A Village in Vojvodina*, 1939

Imagine that you are in the village in Vojvodina pictured here. Can you smell the nature, fresh milk, grandma's waffles, farm animals and the barn?

The people in the picture have just returned from working in the fields. There is a lot of work done in villages, such as farming, grass mowing, hay collecting and others. What do soil, grass and hay smell like?

Solve the crossword. Write the rural scents into the puzzle. The pictures can help you remember.





Naum Andrić
The Fourth Day of the Creation of the World, 1958
 Copy of the fresco from Bođani Monastery

Have you ever been to a forest like the one in the picture?
 Forests are full of trees, strong smells and fresh air. That is why when we go to a forest it fills our lungs with fresh air.



Task

Help the Magical Matica find the most fragrant way to her hive.



Trees and plants make any space a fresh and fragrant one. They are the lungs of our planet. Even the unpleasant smells of traffic and exhaust fumes in cities can be reduced by trees.

This picture shows Novi Sad from over sixty years ago. Can you recognize the center and the part of town towards the Cathedral?

As you can see, there was less traffic before and there was a lot more greenery.

Imagine what fragrances could have been smelled in the center of Novi Sad.

What can you smell today?



Nikola Graovac, *Novi Sad*, 1950



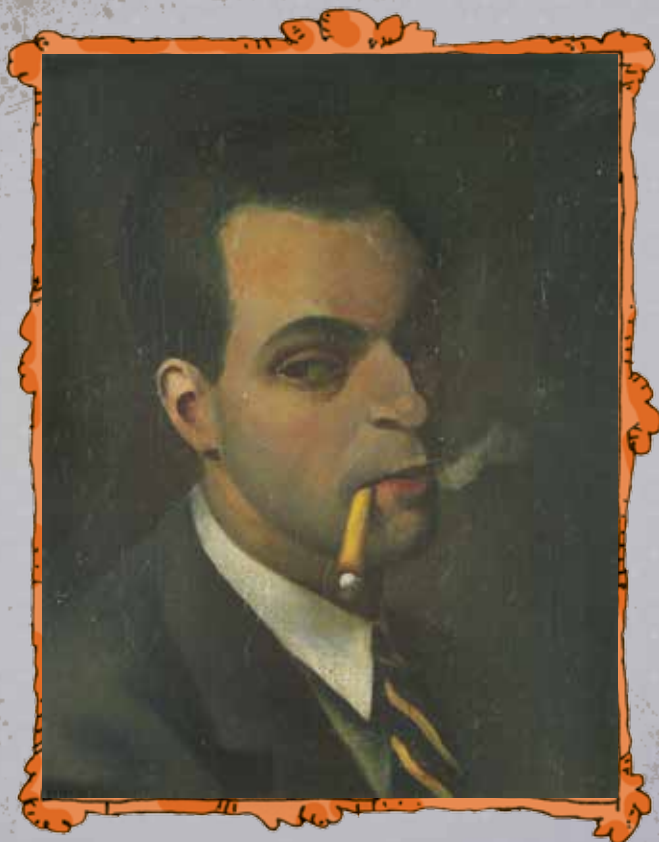
Task

Circle the things that make your town smell nicer.



GRILL





Milan Konjović
Self-portrait with a Cigarette, 1923

The artist painted himself with a cigarette. When a cigarette is lit, smoke is created and you can smell burning tobacco.

What do cigarettes and tobacco smoke smell like?

We say that a room full of smoke is stuffy.

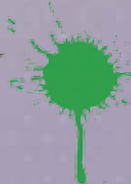
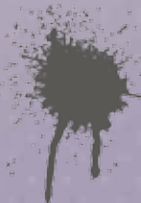
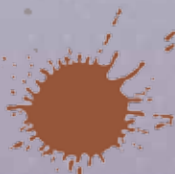


Fun fact

Tobacco is a kind of plant. It contains substances that are harmful to the human body. This is why smoking is damaging to health.



The artist used dark brown and grey colors. Which colors do you associate with the smell of tobacco and stuffy rooms? Circle them.



Task

Write down the page where more tobacco smell is hiding.



FEEL THE ART WITH YOUR SENSE OF TOUCH!

How does our sense of touch work?

The organ of the sense of touch is the skin. It has millions of tiny receptors sensitive to pain, tickling or caressing. They differentiate between cold and hot, dry and wet, gentle and rough, hard and soft.



The largest number of these receptors can be found on fingertips, so they are the most sensitive to touch.

Did you know?

There are people who cannot feel pain, so they do not notice when they injure themselves or something hurts. Also, they cannot feel if something is hot and they can get burned easily.



Fun fact

Certain parts of the skin are more sensitive to tickling than others. Usually, our soles and armpits are the most ticklish. But, did you know that we only laugh if tickling is part of a game with a close person and not if we tickle ourselves.



The noblewoman in the picture has a cap made of fine materials – silk and satin.

The artist painted the fabrics so vividly that we can almost feel them with our hands.

The surface of a certain fabric is called texture. The best way of feeling it is with our skin.

Task

Figure out what kinds of fabrics are shown in the little pictures and connect the appropriate descriptions with them.

gentle



soft

rough



warm

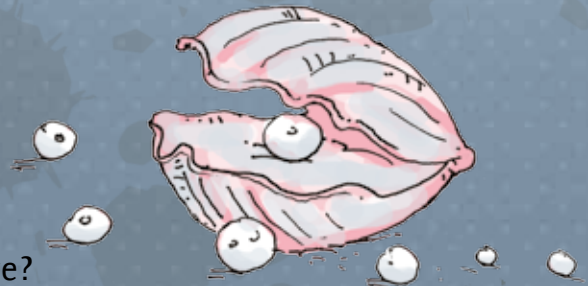
smooth

cold



Konstantin Danil, *Roksanda Jagodić*, 1829–1831

The noblewoman is wearing a necklace made of pearls. What texture do pearls have? Are pearls and satin warm or cold materials?



The captain in the picture is wearing a suit made of different fabrics. Have you ever touched these fabrics?

fur

gold

plush

satin

metal



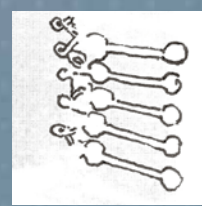
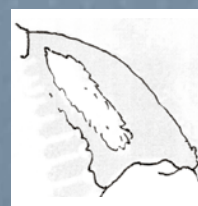
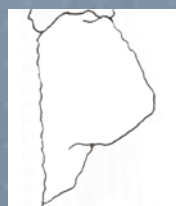
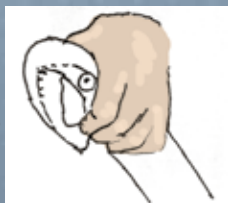
Joakim Marković
Sekula Vitković, ca 1734

The thickness of a fabric can best be felt by touching it with fingers. By observing the picture try to feel which fabric is thick and which is thin.



Task

Color the selected items from the picture blue if you think they are cold to the touch or red if you think they are not and that they can keep you warm.



What sensations do mustaches cause on skin?

If you have ever been kissed by a person who has mustaches and a beard, you know that they tickle and scratch. What do you think, do mustaches scratch those who wear them?

An artist who makes sculptures is called a sculptor or carver.
He/She carves and chisels with his/her touch and changes the texture of a material.

A sculptor can turn something smooth into something rough,
and something rough into something smooth.

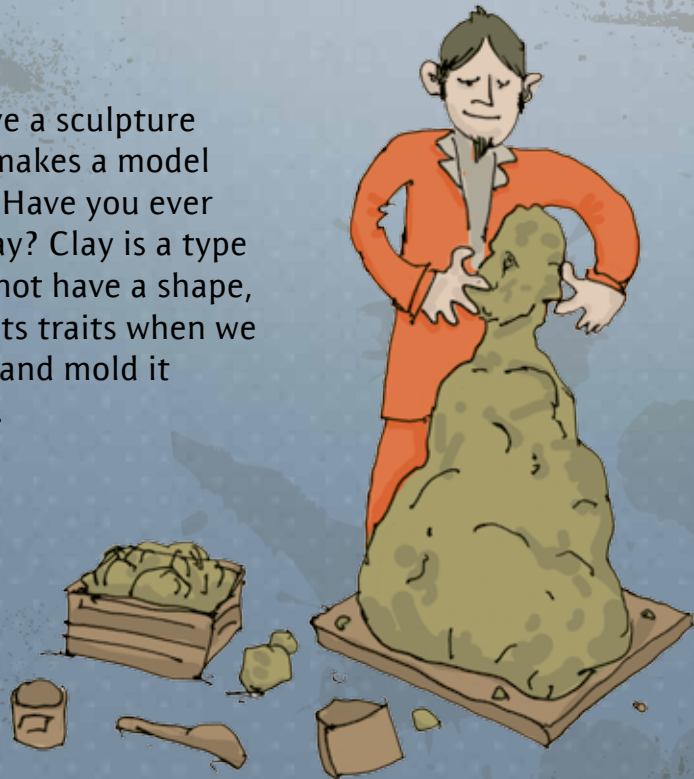


Sava Sandić, *A Medusa*, 1990

This sculpture was made of wood.
Wood is a natural material.
What kind of texture does
processed wood have?
How about unprocessed wood?



In order to carve a sculpture
the artist first makes a model
usually in clay. Have you ever
worked with clay? Clay is a type
of soil. It does not have a shape,
but it changes its traits when we
add water to it and mold it
with our hands.



The stone used to make a sculpture is usually smooth, but the artist can change that with his/her chisel.



Slavka Sredović Petrović
White Bear, before 1956

Notice which part of the sculpture has a smooth and which part has a rough texture?



When a sculptor wants to create a shape in stone, he uses a chisel and a hammer to carve the sculpture. What is the name of an artist who carves?
Circle the correct answer.

1. Carvist

2. Carvor

3. Carver

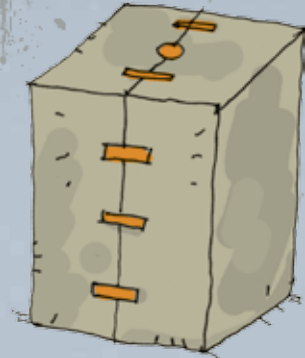
This sculpture is made of bronze.
Bronze is a metal made by mixing several different metals.



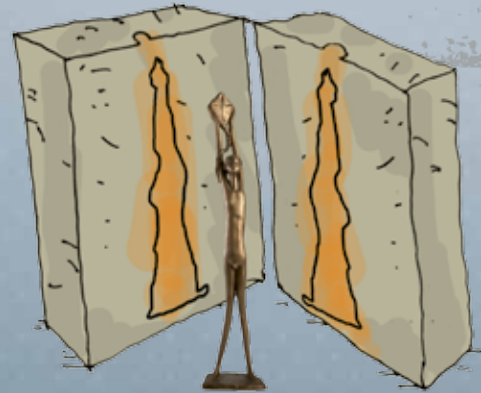
Mira Sandić
A Boy Flying a Kite, 1987



In order to give it shape, the artist has to heat the bronze first so it would become liquid, and then to cast it into a prepared mold of the desired shape.



When the bronze dries,
it becomes cold and hard.



Like a wizard I create art
so that the sculpture shines with all its might,
works of art I create
with my touch I give them shape.
I am _____.



Ana Bešlić, *Pillow VI*, 1988

The sculptures you have seen in this book have been made of natural materials.
Can you recognize what the sculpture in the picture represents?

What material is it made of?

Plastic is an artificial material and we come across it very often everywhere around us.

Check what they feel like!

Look around you and try
to spot objects made of
plastic. Draw them!



Having learned how to observe a work of art and feel art with all your senses, apart from the senses you had, you have developed another one –

MUSEUM SENSE



It is a special sense that helps feel the beauties of works of art and learn something new when visiting a museum.

Not everybody has a museum sense, only those who learned how to enjoy art, just like you have learned it in the Gallery of Matica Srpska with the help of this book.

Now that you have become an art expert and developed a museum sense, cherish it and treasure it.

Since practice can help you improve your other senses, you have to use this sense too as much as you can.

Continue visiting other museums and galleries and enjoy art.

Quiz



1. A list of museum occupations is in front of you. Find the odd one out!

conservator

psychologist

curator

manager

teacher

museum security officer

museum cashier

2. How many senses can we feel art with, using our imagination? _____

3. Which pictures can the drawn instruments be heard from? Match the instruments with the pictures.



4. Circle the fruit you could taste in pictures in this book.



5. Use your museum sense. Which pages in this book can you smell tobacco on? _____

6. The people in the pictures are preparing for a cold winter. Which fabrics would you advise them to make clothes from?



plush



leather



fur



wool



silk

Quiz answers

1. Psychologist, teacher

2. With 4 senses

3.



4.



5. On pages 21 and 26

6.



plush



wool



fur

After reading this book and solving the quiz successfully you deserve a diploma!





*The Gallery of Matica Srpska
Awards this*

Diploma

Which certifies that

Succeeded to feel works of art with his/her senses.

You have acquired the museum sense.
Now, as a true art expert,
you can go to galleries and museums to enjoy art.

*If you want to, you can cut out the diploma,
put it in a frame
and hang it on a wall in your room.*



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