

e-lesson

Week starting: 15th August 2005

1. Mona Lisa

On 21st August 1911, Leonardo's masterpiece *Mona Lisa* was stolen from the Louvre in Paris. It was recovered two years later in Florence and returned to France. That's the gist of this week's offering which comes to you in the form of a 'Who am I?' with questions, followed by the answers in a couple of newspaper extracts.

Level

Good Intermediate upwards

How to use the lesson

1. Give each student in the class a copy of Worksheet A and tell them they have one minute to read the text. After a minute, ask them to stop reading, turn their pieces of paper over and tell a partner who, or what, they think the story is about.
2. After eliciting the answer *Mona Lisa*, ask students to turn their pieces of paper over and answer the questions in exercise 1, in pairs.
3. Check answers in open class, but don't offer any answers at this stage. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B. Give students a time limit of two minutes to check their answers to exercise 1, but tell them not to worry about the blank spaces yet.
4. Check the answers to exercise 1 and then ask students to follow the instructions in exercises 3 and 4 and fill the gaps with either a preposition (1) or *a, an, the* (2).
5. Check all answers in open class.

Answers to exercise 1

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| 1. Mona Lisa, a painting | 4. Mona Lisa and La Gioconda | 7. Four years |
| 2. Leonardo da Vinci | 5. My smile | 8. Vincenzo Perugia |
| 3. The Louvre museum in Paris | 6. In Florence, Italy | 9. In Florence, Italy |
| | | 10. The helicopter |

Answers to exercise 3

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| 1. of/about | 5. of | 9. with |
| 2. about | 6. of | 10. on |
| 3. of/about | 7. at | |
| 4. of | 8. from | |

Answers to exercise 4

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| 1. the | 4. the | 7. the | 10. a |
| 2. an | 5. A | 8. the | 11. the |
| 3. the | 6. the | 9. the | 12. the |

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

http://www.pbs.org/treasuresoftheworld/mona_lisa/mlevel_2/mlevel2_trial.html

Learn more about the man who stole Mona Lisa

<http://www.monalisamania.com/>

get Mona Lisa's vital statistics and a few links

<http://www.studiolo.org/Mona/MONALIST.htm>

What have they done to her? Lots more links, too

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/exhibits/mona/mona.html>

here's something strange... check it out!

<http://sunsite.icm.edu.pl/wm/paint/auth/vinci/joconde/>

for a history of the famous painting