

H 3.1 BMAG (Presentation)

Presentation

Learner copy

Prepare and deliver a short presentation to the rest of the class about your visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

Debate

Teacher copy

Prepare learners to have a debate and vote on whether museums should be free, one team will need to argue that visitors should pay an entrance fee.

To help prepare learners, you could begin by discussing the advantages and disadvantages of entrance charges using the flashcards in Activity 3.6 (Free Museums).

Learners could also be shown a short recording of a television debate to familiarise them with the debating process.

Email

Teacher copy

In this activity please ensure that the email includes the name of the learner and has the subject as 'ESOL Visit'.

If access to the Internet is an issue, learners could send a postcard or letter to:

**Lorna Harris
Administrator
Learning and Outreach Team
Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Chamberlain Square
B3 3DH**

Every three months BM&AG will provide a small prize as an encouragement for completing this activity. The winning letter/ email will be selected at random.

Email

Learner copy

Write an email about your visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and send it to **lorna.harris@birmingham.gov.uk**. Remember to include your name in the email.

You may win a small prize from the Museum & Art Gallery for completing this activity.

Here are some ideas about what to write:

- When did you visit? How did you get there?
- What did you see?
- What did you like and why? What did you dislike and why?

Past tense

Learner copy

Rewrite the letter using a verb in the box below. You must use each verb and put it in the past tense.

speak see go enjoy visit tell travel
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Dear

I Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery last week.

I with lots of people in my class. We really it.

We there by bus.

We lots of interesting paintings and objects. I

to a guide at the Museum, she was very helpful and

me lots of interesting things about a painting I was looking at.

From

Postcard

Learner copy

Read this postcard. Some words are missing. Write **one** word from the box for each space. You do not have to use all the words.

going are here in wish near work tell walk
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Dear Mizo,

We having a really good time. We are visiting the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. It is the city centre, the library and the Council House.

There is a lovely fountain very close to the Museum that you can to.

We are to have a cup of tea now.

We you were here.

See you soon,

Tyla

Should museums be free?

Teacher copy

Photocopy and cut up these statements to create a flashcard activity

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1. In some countries tourists need to pay to visit museums, many tourists come to England and they should pay an entrance fee to contribute to the upkeep of the building.

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2. It is wrong to make people pay. Museums should be free to everyone to encourage them to visit.

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3. Museums take good care of their exhibits. It is very expensive to look after the exhibits well. The money people pay to enter a museum would help to run the museum.

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Should museums be free?

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4. There are people from many different countries living in Birmingham. It's good that they can see things from their cultures. If there was an entrance fee some people would not visit.

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5. Children need to learn about different cultures, they should not pay an entrance fee.

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6. Many museums in different countries are free to all visitors. It would be good to follow their example.

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Should museums be free?

Learner copy

Read the following statements

1. In some countries tourists need to pay to visit museums, many tourists come to England and they should pay an entrance fee to contribute to the upkeep of the building.

2. It is wrong to make people pay. Museums should be free to everyone to encourage them to visit.

3. Museums take good care of their exhibits. It is very expensive to look after the exhibits well. The money people pay to enter a museum would help to run the museum.

4. There are people from many different countries living in Birmingham. It's good that they can see things from their cultures. If there was an entrance fee some people would not visit.

5. Children need to learn about different cultures, they should not pay an entrance fee.

6. Many museums in different countries are free to all visitors. It would be good to follow their example.

Should museums be free?

Learner copy

In small groups put the statements under two headings, ones you agree with and ones you disagree with.

Which of the statements support the idea that museums should be free?

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Which statements do not support that idea?

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Now write one or two statements of your own?

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Research

Learner copy

In groups, use the internet to research other places that are free to visit in Birmingham, try www.bmag.org.uk.

Make a list of the places that are free to visit, then choose one that interests the group. Working together to write a short description about it. Then prepare a short presentation for the rest of the class, persuading them to visit it. The class will then listen to all the groups and vote on which group has put forward the most convincing argument.

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