

Online museums

Upper-Intermediate level

Task 1 - Warm-up

Watch the video and say what the lesson is going to be about and what you are going to discuss.



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Answer the following questions.

- What do you think about online museums?
- Have you ever visited museums virtually?
If yes, did you like it? Why/Why not?
- If you have already visited online museums, what would you change about the online exhibition?
- Is it a good trend that people can visit any museum online?
- Do you think that museums lose money because online exhibitions are free of charge?



Task 2 - Vocabulary

Read the sentences, guess the meaning of the words in bold.

1. Leave the ironing **for the time being** - I'll do it later.
2. I enjoyed the film, but I couldn't follow all the **intricacies** of the plot.
3. He claimed that he had been **deprived** of his freedom/rights.
4. He's a **pillar** of the Dallas business community.
5. Grandpa likes to **reminisce** about his years in the navy.
6. She said she was tired of journalists **delving into** her private life.
7. My old roommate called me **out of the blue**.

Match the words with their definitions.

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| 1. for the time being | a. unexpectedly |
| 2. intricacy | b. to search in order to find a thing or information |
| 3. to deprive | c. to talk or write about past experiences that you remember with pleasure |
| 4. a pillar | d. complicated details |
| 5. to reminisce | e. to take smth necessary or pleasant away from smn |
| 6. out of the blue | f. for a short period of time |
| 7. to delve into | g. someone or smth that is an important part of a group, place, or activity |

Task 3 - Reading

Read the [article](#) and answer the questions.

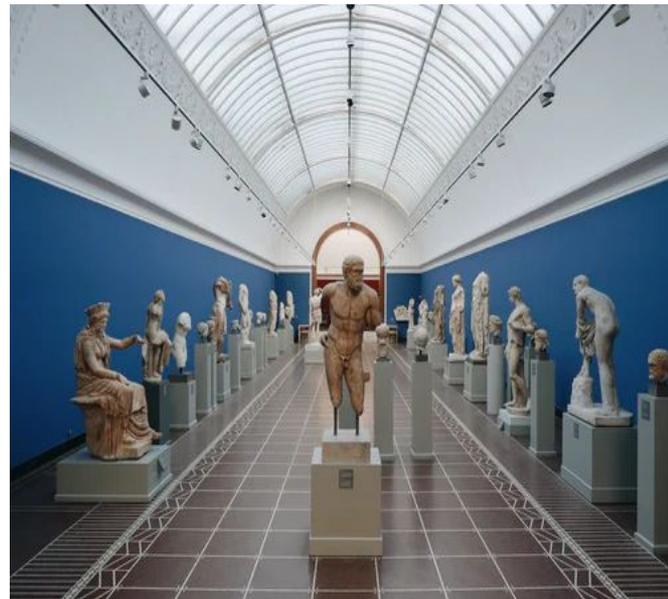
1. What are two issues brought into our life by coronavirus?
2. What question is raised by humanity nowadays?
3. How does life differ now in comparison with the previous year?
4. What has changed in children's lives?
5. What do online museums offer people?
6. What else can people visit virtually besides museums?



Task 4 - Speaking

Discuss the questions.

1. Can you say that you have been deprived of freedom due to COVID-19?
2. Which fields of human activity suffered the most? Which of them were successfully transferred to the online regime?
3. Did you visit online museums after epidemics had broken out?
4. Do you reminisce and compare your pre- and post-COVID-19 life?
5. Do you consider museums to be a cultural pillar of mankind?



Task 5 - Video

Watch the [video](#) (00:00 до 03:00). Are these statements true or false?

1. It was a good idea to visit a museum if you wanted to escape the routine.
2. Now it's not necessary to travel if you want to visit a museum.
3. The National Gallery of Art has been preparing exhibition devoted to Degas's Opera just for several months.
4. Some museums hold thematic online exhibitions.
5. Online excursions are recorded in advance.
6. People recreate masterpieces because they want to earn money on Instagram.
7. Museums are the only institutions that are possible to be visited so far.

Task 6 - Discussion

Discuss the questions:

1. Did this video interest you?
2. Would you visit any online museum after watching this video? Why?/Why not?
3. Did you or your friends try to recreate masterpieces being on quarantine? If you didn't what masterpiece would you like to recreate and why?
4. Should there be governmental support of museums?



Task 7 - Speaking

Choose one of the online [museums](#), explain your choice and hold a kind of excursion for your teacher.



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Homework

For additional information read the following articles and make notes with key information:

<https://www.inexhibit.com/marker/museums-worldwide-react-to-covid-lockdown-by-offering-virtual-visits/>

<https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/tech-news-technology/virtual-tour-famous-museums-lockdown-6419210/>

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/75809/12-world-class-museums-you-can-visit-online>

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/mar/23/10-of-the-worlds-best-virtual-museum-and-art-gallery-tours>

Keys

Task 2

1f, 2d, 3e, 4g, 5c, 6a, 7b

Task 5

1.T, 2.T, 3.F, 4.T, 5.F, 6.F, 7.F