

# Speaking Card 41

## Talking About Arts and Culture

**Language:** Arts & Culture Vocabulary, Asking and Giving Opinions

### Culture Weekend

**Nicole:** Hi, Jenny. How are you?

**Jenny:** I'm fine. How are you?

**Nicole:** I'm great. I really want to do something different this weekend, something cultural. What do you think?

**Jenny:** Well, it depends on what you feel like doing. What about the opera? I love the costumes and the music.

**Nicole:** I can't stand the opera. I find it really boring. How about a film?

**Jenny:** There's nothing interesting on at the moment. How would you feel about going to a play? There's a great comedy at the Roxy Theatre. Or we could check out the new musical.

**Nicole:** I'm afraid I really don't like plays. I hate musicals.

**Jenny:** Really? To me, there's nothing better than going to the theatre.

**Nicole:** Why don't we go to an exhibition?

**Jenny:** Great idea. Shall we go to the new one at the Modern Art Gallery?

**Nicole:** Sounds great. Let's meet there tomorrow at eleven o'clock. Bye!

**Jenny:** Perfect. See you tomorrow.

**Nicole:** Bye!

### At the Exhibition

**Nicole:** Hi, Jenny. So, what do you think so far?

**Jenny:** You know, I'm not usually into modern art, but I think this is really beautiful. What about you?

**Nicole:** To be honest, I don't really like it. If you ask me, my little brother could make better art.

**Jenny:** Nicole! I thought you wanted a cultural weekend. I think this is a beautiful exhibition. The art is really inspiring.

**Nicole:** Well, maybe I spoke too soon. This sculpture is amazing. I think the materials the artist used are really interesting. What's your opinion?

**Jenny:** Yes, it's lovely. But to me, this painting is much more interesting. The colours are so bright and positive. Don't you agree?

**Nicole:** I see what you mean, but I really feel that the sculpture is the best piece here. Anyone can put some paint on a canvas.

**Jenny:** Well, that's your opinion.

**Nicole:** You're right. Now, let's get a coffee. All this culture is tiring.

**Jenny:** Sounds good. That's one thing we can agree on.

### HANDY PHRASES & WORDS

to go to a play / the opera / the theatre / the cinema / an exhibition

There's nothing on at the moment / There's a great film on at the cinema. to see a play at the theatre / see an exhibition at a gallery

#### Visual Art

exhibition – výstava

drawing – kresba

painting – malba, obraz

canvas – plátno

sculpture – socha (a work of art made by carving (= tesáním) wood or stone)

statue – socha (a large sculpture of a person or an animal)

photography – fotografie

landscape / portrait / abstract art – krajina, portrét, abstraktní umění

#### Theatre

play – divadelní hra

musical – muzikál

playwright – dramatik

audience – obecenstvo

stage – jeviště, pódium

costumes – kostýmy

#### Music

concert – koncert

band / orchestra / philharmonic orchestra – skupina, orchestr, filharmonie

classical music – klasická hudba

composer – skladatel

#### Asking for opinions

**What do you think?**

**What about you?**

**What's your opinion?**

**Don't you agree?**

#### Giving opinions

**I can't stand** art / going to the opera.

**I find** musicals / going to the theatre boring / inspiring.

**To me, there's nothing better / worse than** the opera / watching a film **I think this is** great / interesting.



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**Task 1** Talk to your classmate about your favourite cultural activity. What do you like to go to see? And why?

**Task 2** Look at the paintings (1–2). Which is your favourite? What kind of art do you like?

**Task 3** Choose two pictures and describe them.

**Task 4** Role-play a dialogue with your classmate.

- A Suggest a cultural activity to do this weekend.
- B Respond and express a negative opinion about the activity.
- A Suggest another activity.
- B Agree and express a positive opinion about the activity. Ask Student A their opinion.
- A Give your opinion and suggest a time to meet.
- B Agree and say goodbye.
- A Say goodbye.