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## Level 2

### Early humans were bad at drawing

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180213-drawing-2.html>

Neanderthal man, who lived over 35,000 years ago, was not as good at drawing as later humans. Neanderthal man became extinct tens of thousands of years ago. They had large brains and made tools to hunt, but they found it difficult to draw things. Later humans could draw animals and other figures on rocks and cave walls. Professor Richard Coss, an expert on pre-historic drawings, studied photos and videos of early art. He studied drawings of animals made by human artists from 28,000 to 32,000 years ago in the south of France.

The difference in drawing ability could be because of hunting skills. Neanderthal man hunted animals that were easier to kill. Later humans hunted dangerous animals. This needed better hand-eye coordination. Professor Coss said Neanderthal man could remember what animals looked like, but they could not use these mental images with the hand-eye coordination that is necessary for drawing. Professor Coss said later humans used drawings to plan their hunting. They used the drawings to discuss which parts of an animal's body to target.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. not as good              | a. to draw things    |
| 2. Neanderthal man          | b. by human artists  |
| 3. made tools               | c. at drawing        |
| 4. they found it difficult  | d. of France         |
| 5. figures on rocks         | e. to hunt           |
| 6. an expert on pre-        | f. became extinct    |
| 7. drawings of animals made | g. historic drawings |
| 8. in the south             | h. and cave walls    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The difference                  | a. dangerous animals     |
| 2. hunted animals that were        | b. images                |
| 3. Later humans hunted             | c. body to target        |
| 4. remember what animals           | d. to plan their hunting |
| 5. they could not use these mental | e. easier to kill        |
| 6. hand-eye                        | f. in drawing ability    |
| 7. later humans used drawings      | g. looked like           |
| 8. which parts of an animal's      | h. coordination          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Neanderthal man, (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 35,000 years ago, was not as good at drawing (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Neanderthal man became extinct tens of thousands of years ago. They had large brains and made (3) \_\_\_\_\_, but they found it difficult to draw things. Later humans could draw animals and other figures on (4) \_\_\_\_\_ walls. Professor Richard Coss, an expert on (5) \_\_\_\_\_, studied photos and videos of early art. He studied drawings of animals made (6) \_\_\_\_\_ from 28,000 to 32,000 years ago in the south of France.

The difference in drawing ability could be because (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Neanderthal man hunted animals that were (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Later humans hunted dangerous animals. This needed better hand-eye coordination. Professor Coss said Neanderthal man could remember (9) \_\_\_\_\_ like, but they could not use (10) \_\_\_\_\_ with the hand-eye coordination that is necessary for drawing. Professor Coss said later humans used drawings to (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They used the drawings to discuss which parts of an animal's (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# DRAWING SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1802/180213-drawing-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Drawing in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

