

EFL ENGLISH DAILY



[Keywords](#)



[Shredded](#)

1, shred

Banksy's decision to **shred** his most expensive work at auction, Girl with Balloon, immediately after it had been auctioned left many people **bemused**.

2, bemuse

3, built-in

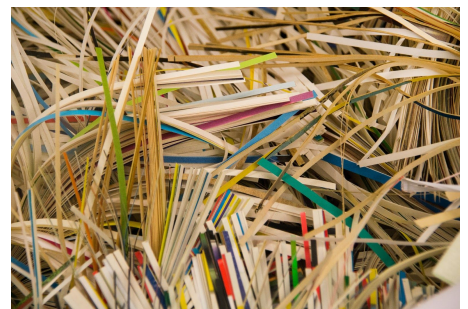
The frame of the painting had a secret **built-in** shredding device which was activated as soon as the sale was made in front of all of the potential **bidders**. Unfortunately, the shredder stopped working halfway through the process and left the work **dangling** below the frame in shreds.

4, a bidder

5, dangle

6, Banksy-ed

The artist then renamed the piece Love is in the Bin. "It appears we just got **Banksy-ed**," said a senior executive of Sotheby's auction house.



7, ironic

8, foreseen

Banksy's **ironic** actions are predictable because of their unpredictable nature, but could we have **foreseen** this?

9, mangle

10, compensation

A few years ago, Banksy quoted Van Gogh as saying that 'destruction is also a form of art.'





Comprehension

- 1, Why were people left bewildered after the sale?
- 2, What happened midway through the shredding?
- 3, What new name was the piece given?
- 4, What phrase describes being tricked?
- 5, Who did Banksy get his idea from?
- 6, What was the outcome of the sale?

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While many people may disagree, it's true that people certainly have an urge to clear and refresh places where we work and live at various times in our lives. Whether it is a new kitchen, bathroom or just changing flowers in a planter every year.

But just who will pay for the half **mangled** remains? Will the buyer have to pay? Will they have to claim **compensation**?
Actually, the winning bidder decided to buy it anyway at the sale price.



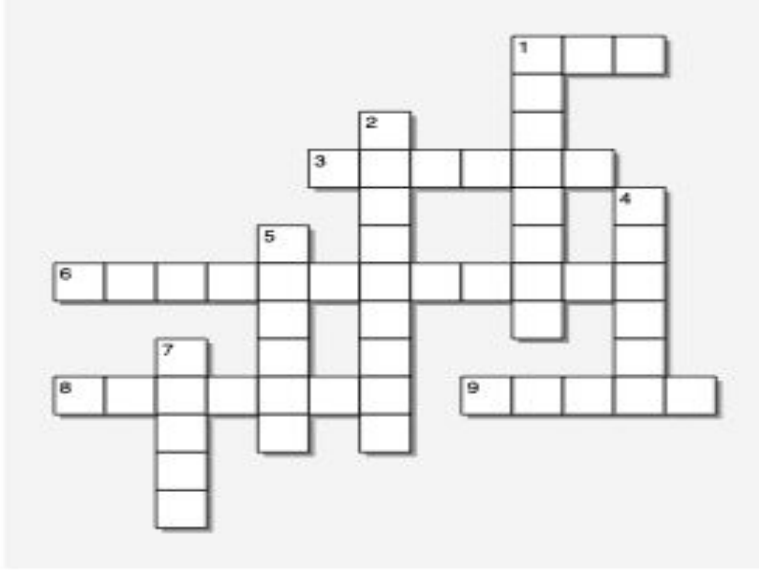
Conversation

- 1, Do you have prints of any famous works?
- 2, Name an artist you admire very much?
- 3, Tell us about a memorable art exhibition you visited?
- 4, Have you ever bid for something at an auction?
- 5, What famous works would you buy?
- 6, Describe the best picture you ever painted?





Crossword (using the Keywords on page 1)



Across

- 1. to compete to buy something
- 3. to hang down freely
- 6. money returned for a loss
- 8. to realise something could happen before it does
- 9. to cut into long thin strips

Down

- 1. part of a structure
- 2. to be tricked in the style of the person named Banksy
- 4. unable to return to original shape as a result of an accident
- 5. to not understand a situation
- 7. have the opposite meaning to the description

Your chance to write....

Write about a work of art you admire and describe its meaning to you.

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