

# Unit 1

## Before reading



### Decoding the text

Text type	Aim	Feature
Web article	To give information	Descriptive



### Activity

### Predicting content

Read the excerpt of the text in this unit and answer the questions.

[1] Trick Eye Museum is an internationally renowned optical art museum from South Korea. Unlike conventional art museums, all the works of art displayed at Trick Eye Museum are images that trick the brain. If you are standing at the right spot, you will look as if you are jumping out of a painting, standing on ceilings, or riding inside a carriage made from ice.



Notice **what** the focus is.

1. Fill in the blank with information from the excerpt.

Topic:

2. Which of the following topics may be included in these parts of the text?

- A. Exhibitions at Trick Eye Museum
- B. Where Trick Eye Museum is from
- C. Visitors' comments
- D. Art pieces from around the world

Introduction:

\_\_\_\_\_

Body:

\_\_\_\_\_

Additional section:

\_\_\_\_\_

Answer  
1. Trick Eye Museum    2. Introduction: B    Body: A    Additional section: C

## Trick Eye Museum



[1] Trick Eye Museum is an internationally renowned optical art museum from South Korea. Unlike conventional art museums, all the works of art displayed at Trick Eye Museum are images that trick the brain. If you are standing at the right spot, you will look as if you are jumping out of a painting, standing on ceilings,  
5 or riding inside a carriage made from ice.

[2] In recent years, the Trick Eye Museums in South Korea and Singapore have taken deceptive 2D and 3D art installations to the next level. To further elaborate, they have transformed artwork into immersive experiences using an Augmented Reality (AR) app. The museums provide free WiFi for visitors to download the AR  
10 app, which is needed to create special effects on the pictures and videos you take.

[3] Trick Eye Museum has expanded to other Asian countries and regions, including Thailand, China and Hong Kong. There are different themed zones

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inside each museum, including art masterpieces and city icons. For example, the one in Hong Kong allows visitors to enjoy the city's dazzling nightscape on a romantic paper boat.

[4] Are you ready to let your imagination run wild? Visit Trick Eye Museum in your city!

#### Visitors' comments

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**Debbie519** Scotland

**Visited Trick Eye Museum in Hong Kong**

'It's not really for me, but I can see why it is an excellent attraction for selfie lovers. You see, there are lots of optical illusions and you can get creative with your poses. Be sure to charge your phone because you have to experience using the app.'

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**Mister\_G** United Kingdom

**Visited Trick Eye Museum in Singapore**

'I wasn't thinking of visiting there, but I'm glad we did. It was so much fun with the kids, although our five-year-old son tested the patience of the specific poses required.'

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**Travelbug#20485** Australia

**Visited Trick Eye Museum in Seoul**

'My friends and I spent a few hours there. The VR game was a great idea, but it was impossible to get the timing right to fight the dragons. With limited time at each painting and lots of tourists moving through the exhibition halls, we could barely finish the game.'

# After reading

Answer the following questions using information from the text.

1. What is special about Trick Eye Museum?

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2. Based on paragraph 1, visitors of Trick Eye Museum \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. can touch any artwork
- B. can become part of the artwork
- C. wear special glasses when viewing the artwork
- D. can take public transport inside the museum

 3. What does the phrase 'take something to the next level' mean?

- A. make something better
- B. remove something
- C. describe something in detail
- D. sell something out

4. Which of the following does Trick Eye Museum provide? Put a tick (✓) in the correct boxes.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> free WiFi   | <input type="checkbox"/> 2D paintings | <input type="checkbox"/> painting tools         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> smartphones | <input type="checkbox"/> video games  | <input type="checkbox"/> power banks for phones |

5. Name two themes of artwork at Trick Eye Museum.

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

6. What does 'the one' (lines 13–14) refer to?

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7. What is the purpose of paragraph 4?

- A. to summarize the text
- B. to encourage readers to take action
- C. to give additional information
- D. to argue a point

8. Find words in the comment section that mean the same as the following.

i) relating to the ability to see \_\_\_\_\_

ii) hardly \_\_\_\_\_

9. Match the subheadings with visitors' comments. Write the letters (A–D) in the spaces provided.

i) Debbie519 \_\_\_\_\_ A. visitors' experience can be improved

ii) Mister\_G \_\_\_\_\_ B. very interesting for children

iii) Travelbug#20485 \_\_\_\_\_ C. not worth visiting

D. great place for those who love to take pictures

## Reading strategies

### Understanding unfamiliar words

 Refer to question 3



We can guess the meaning of unfamiliar words by looking at **transition words**.

A phrase used to explain a previously mentioned idea

**[2]** In recent years, the Trick Eye Museums in South Korea and Singapore have taken deceptive 2D and 3D art installations to the next level. **To further elaborate**, they have transformed artwork into immersive experiences using an Augmented Reality (AR) app.

Can you make a connection between 'transforming artwork' and 'taking art installations to the next level'? The explanation hints that the phrase 'take something to the next level' means making something better.





## Reading rocket

Transition words (I)	
Function	Examples
Making an idea clear	for example, to illustrate, specifically, including
Pointing out a similarity between two subjects	like, likewise, similarly, just as
Pointing out a difference between two subjects	but, yet, conversely, otherwise, however, unlike
Showing important ideas	above all, first and foremost

### Mini task

Circle the transition words that are followed by a hint where you can use logic to guess the meaning of the underlined words.

1. There are different themed zones inside each museum, including art masterpieces and city icons.
2. Trick Eye Museum is an internationally renowned optical art museum from South Korea. Unlike conventional art museums, all the works of art displayed at Trick Eye Museum are images that trick the brain.
3. It's not really for me, but I can see why it is an excellent attraction for selfie lovers. You see, there are lots of optical illusions and you can get creative with your poses.

Answer  
1. including  
2. Unlike  
3. You see