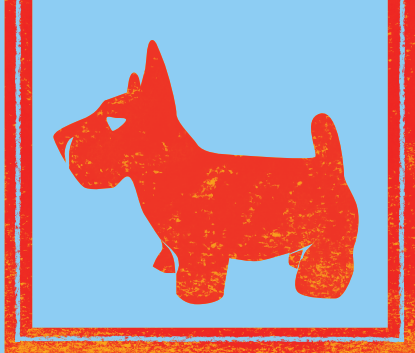


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Art Detectives

A guide for
young artists

You will need a pencil
to write and draw



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Welcome to the menagerie!

Start in the Wohl Central Hall

The Summer Exhibition always has a lot of paintings, prints, photographs and sculptures of animals. This year, they've all come together in a menagerie – a collection of weird and wonderful beasts!

Time to take a look around...



See if you can find...

Two dancing giraffes

A horse on a hill

A rhino looking right at you

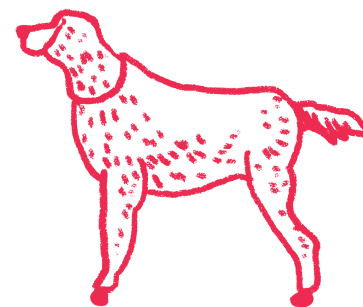
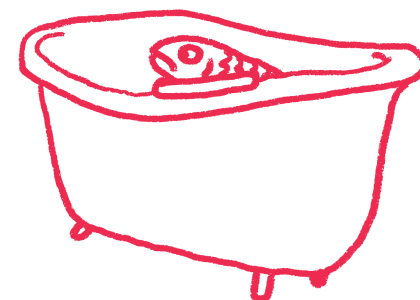
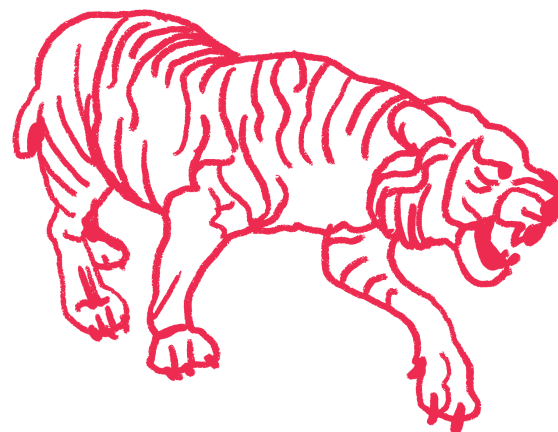
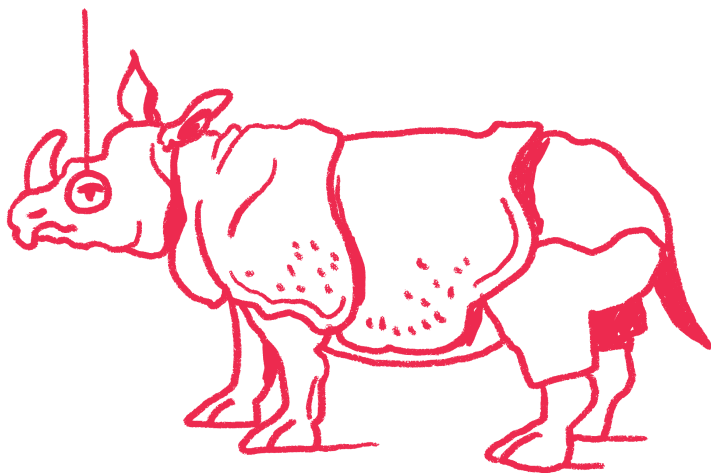
A fish having a bath

A polar bear melting

A snake hiding

A spotty dog

Two zebras



Look closely at the sculptures in this room. Match the animals on this page to the materials they are made from!

Drippy candlewax

Nails and pins

Shiny foil

Turn left into Gallery III



As you move through the rest of the exhibition, keep an eye out for any animals that have escaped the menagerie!

This is the biggest room in the exhibition. Where have all the animals gone?



Can you find...

A pirate ship and two pirates

Three tower blocks next to the reservoir

A pile of pears

Some pink and purple graffiti

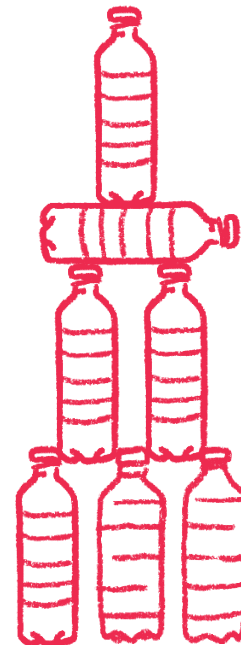


Turn left and go through to the Large Weston Room



Do you think all these buildings are for people? Could some be homes for other animals?

Can you find a building made out of tiny recycled plastic bottles?



What other materials can you recycle to make a building?

Head back to Gallery IV



Find a polar bear doing a balancing act.
Where do polar bears live?

What is happening to their home
at the moment?

What do you think this sculpture is made from?



Metal

Wood

Straw

Paint

Wax

Eggshells

Bronze

Cardboard

Go through to Gallery V



Look at the artworks in this room. Some are on
the floor. They go all the way up to the ceiling!

How many birds can you find?

Draw all the birds you can see in this room
sitting on the branch below.



Go through to Gallery VII



Can you find...

A unicorn forest

A city in a book

An alligator

A school of fish

Which animal that you have seen today do you like best? Why?

Choose three animals you have seen today and draw them. Then, write down where they usually live in the wild.

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Go to Gallery VIII



Find this artwork



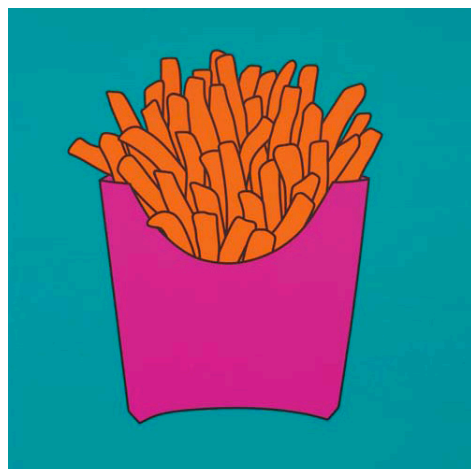
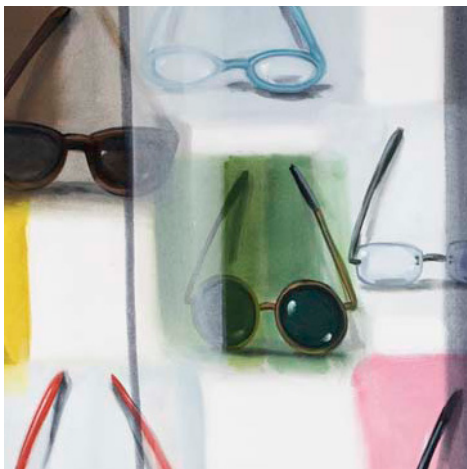
What does this remind you of? What is the sculpture made from?

How does it make you feel? Is it scary or cute and cuddly? Does it have a head or a tail?

Go through to Gallery VIII



We have taken some close-up snapshots of pieces of art in this room! Can you do some detective work to find out which artwork each image comes from?

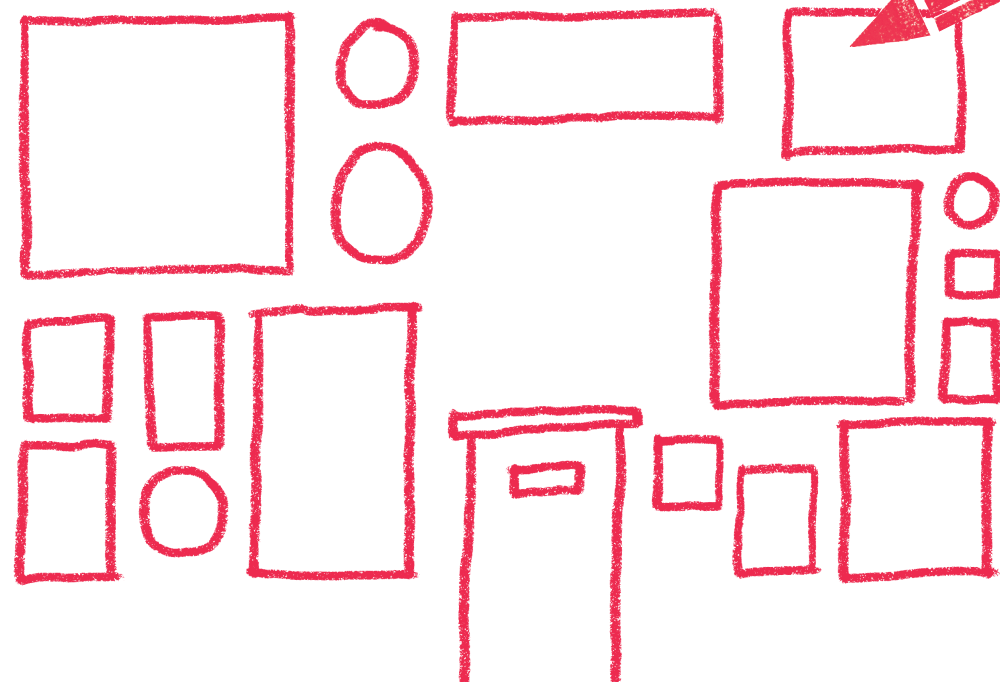


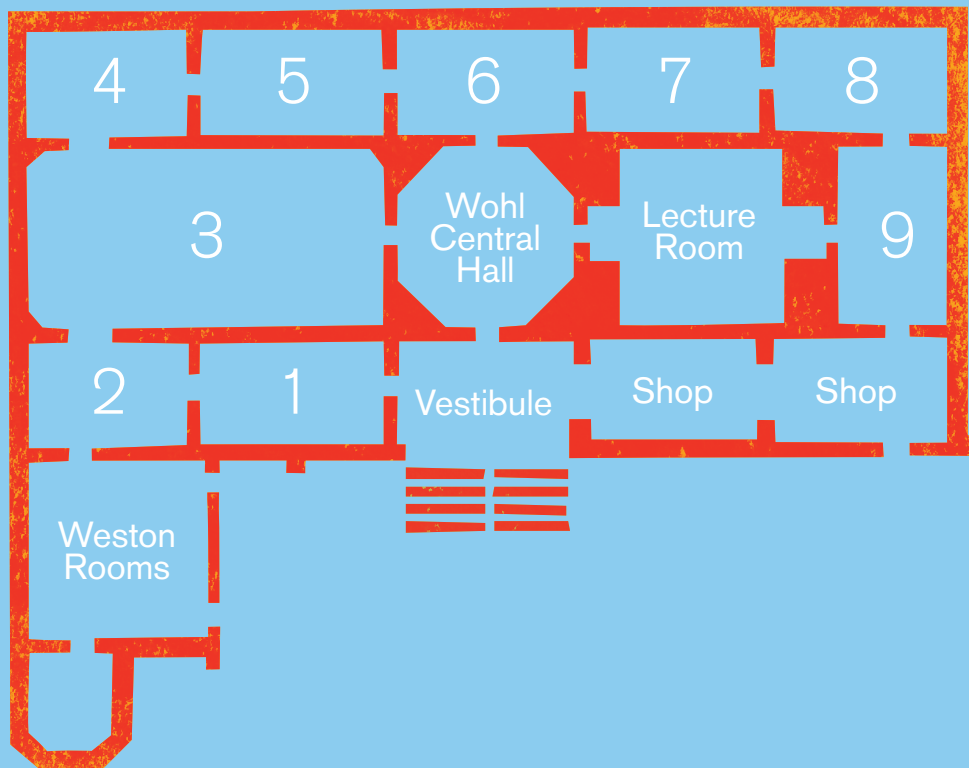
Go round the corner to the Lecture Room



Find three ships sailing away.
Where do you think they are going?
Draw a pirate ship piled with treasure!

Imagine you are a curator. A curator chooses where each artwork hangs on the wall in the gallery and where the sculptures go. Fill in the gaps to curate a wall of art in the Summer Exhibition!





Show us a photo of your detective work using #RASummer – we're @royalacademyarts on Instagram and @royalacademy on Twitter

What is the Summer Exhibition?

Each year, artists from all over the country send in pictures of their art and a group of artists called the Royal Academicians choose which ones to display. The Summer Exhibition has been held every year at the Royal Academy for over two hundred years!

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