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Banksy's 'Umbrella Girl' Rescued From Attempted Robbery

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Neighbors in New Orleans foiled¹ what police say was an attempt to steal a chunk of cement block wall bearing a painting created by the world-renowned graffiti artist Banksy.The building's owner called the police on Friday evening, saying someone was attempting to cut out the painting, which Banksy had created after Hurricane Katrina, said Officer Garry Flot, a police spokesman. By the time of that call, he said, two suspects were gone and the mural, known locally as Umbrella Girl or Rain Girl, was still there. The painting and the long holes that had been cut around it are now shielded by plywood.

The mural is among more than a dozen made in 2008 in New Orleans by the elusive British artist, who is perhaps the world's best-known street artist. Banksy's works have sold at auction for as much as \$1.1 million. He came to New Orleans as Hurricane Gustav was heading towards Louisiana. The images he left were generally related to the 2005 hurricane, Katrina. Well known in New Orleans, they have been the subject of news articles in the past.

Since 2008, many have been painted over or destroyed. This one shows a mournful girl holding an umbrella from which rain pours onto her as she extends a cupped² hand into the open air around her.

(Adapted from Hufftington Post)

¹ To foil: to spoil, to frustrate.

² Cupped: In the form of a cup or bowl.

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1. Indicate whether these statements are TRUE or FALSE and write down which part of the text justifies your answer. (2 points)

- a. Neighbors in New Orleans stole Banksy's graffiti.
- b. When the police arrived the thieves were still there.
- c. Banksy is maybe the most popular graffiti artist in the world.
- d. Banksy's paintings in New Orleans are preserved.

2. Answer the following questions in your own words. (2 points)

- a. What was the theme Banksy chose for most of his works in New Orleans?
- b. Why is the painting called 'Umbrella Girl 'or 'Rain Girl'?

3. Find a synonym in the text for the following words. (1 point)

- a. Well known (paragraph 1)
- b. Trying (paragraph 2)
- c. Topic (paragraph 3)
- d. Sad, anguished(Paragraph 4)

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4. Complete these sentences with the correct structure (2 points)

- a. Don't worry about the work ! I do it for you. (Spontaneous decision)
- b. Sarah said shepass all her exams. (Reported speech)
- c. What you do if someone gave you a million euros? (Conditional sentence)
- d. The Beatles, music has millions of fans, have become the biggest icon of British pop. (Relative pronouns)
- 5. Write a short essay (about 100/120 words) on ONE of the following topics:
- Graffiti should always be considered as art. What do you think?
- Or
- Have you ever seen a graffiti which really impressed you? Explain and describe it.

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