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### 词汇：Art 艺术

On 17 November 2007 a man was jailed for producing works of art. Why? Because the sculptures and **artefacts** Shaun Greenhalgh made were fakes: fakes that had **conned** museums and galleries out of over £500,000.

Shaun had left school with no qualifications, but **tried his hand at** a wide range of **crafts** – from **watercolour painting** to **sculpture**. The young Greenhalgh hoped to make it as an artist himself.

His pieces were not admired, however, and he turned to **forgery**. He ended up creating a **cottage industry** in his garden shed, with the help of his family.



Sculpture was one of Shaun Greenhalgh's interests

If the son had a talent for art, his father, George, had **the gift of the gab** and approached potential buyers. He came up with detailed stories about how he found **artworks** which had been lost for generations. In 2003, they sold a 50cm statue called the 'Amarna Princess' to Bolton Museum. George claimed his own grandfather had bought it at an **auction** in 1892 at an **aristocrat's** home, and had papers which appeared to **back up** his story.

After talking to art experts, the museum paid more than £400,000 for the statue. The successful **scam** made the forgers grow bolder. But when they approached the British Museum with some more fake artefacts, an expert spotted mistakes and **tipped off** the police.

After 18 months of investigations, the police knocked at the family's door. They were surprised by the Greenhalgh's humble home. Where were the **riches** of successful criminals? The police concluded that Shaun was motivated by "a **resentment** of the art market" and by a desire to deceive art experts, rather than by money.

But how did he manage to fool so many experts? Irvin Finkel from the British Museum says the family produced things that "in a way we were looking for already". So when experts saw them they wanted to embrace these apparently long-lost treasures.

## 词汇表

<b>artefact</b>	人工（艺术）制品
<b>to con</b>	欺骗，欺诈
<b>to try your hand at</b>	试试手，尝试亲自动手
<b>craft</b>	手工艺品，手艺
<b>watercolour painting</b>	水彩画
<b>sculpture</b>	雕刻，雕塑
<b>forgery</b>	伪造
<b>cottage industry</b>	家庭手工业，小作坊工业
<b>the gift of the gab</b>	能说会道
<b>artwork</b>	艺术品
<b>auction</b>	拍卖
<b>aristocrat</b>	贵族
<b>back up</b>	证实（说法）
<b>scam</b>	骗局
<b>to tip off</b>	给（某人）通风报信
<b>riches</b>	财富
<b>resentment</b>	不满，愤恨

## 测验与练习

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. True or false? *Shaun Greenhalgh studied art at university before he became a professional painter.*
2. Who was good at convincing people to buy the forgeries?
3. Why was the British Museum suspicious of their artwork?
4. What made the police think that Shaun Greenhalgh's main interest was not money?
5. What may have caused experts to be fooled by the Greenhalgh family?

### 2. 请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Vincent van Gogh produced nearly 150 \_\_\_\_\_ paintings during his life. He used vibrant colours.

sculpture	watercolour	auctions	riches
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2. The lawyer presented evidence which backed \_\_\_\_\_ her statement.

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3. Stephen can sell a fridge to an Eskimo. He has \_\_\_\_\_.

tried his hand at it	the gift of the gab	a cottage industry	tipped off
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4. You have to be careful with these Ancient Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_. They are worth a fortune.

riches	fakes	artefacts	qualifications
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5. Some people say that living with \_\_\_\_\_ is like taking poison and expecting the other person to get sick.

con	resentment	appreciation	talent
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## 答案

### 1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. True or false? *Shaun Greenhalgh studied art at university before he became a professional painter.*  
**False. Shaun Greenhalgh left school with no qualifications.**
2. Who was good at convincing people to buy the forgeries?  
**Shaun Greenhalgh's father, George, approached potential buyers and claimed that he had inherited the artworks.**
3. Why was the British Museum suspicious of their artwork?  
**Because an art expert spotted a mistake on one item.**
4. What made the police think that Shaun Greenhalgh's main interest was not money?  
**When they came to arrest the Greenhalghs, the police noticed that their house was not big and impressive – it was humble.**
5. What may have caused experts to be fooled by the Greenhalgh family?  
**Their willingness to believe that the pieces offered to them were the ones they were looking for.**

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2. The lawyer presented evidence which backed **up** her statement.
3. Stephen can sell a fridge to an Eskimo. He has **the gift of the gab**.
4. You have to be careful with these Ancient Egyptian **artefacts**. They are worth a fortune.
5. Some people say that living with **resentment** is like taking poison and expecting the other person to get sick.