

# Masks

## Key Stage 1 & 2

**National Curriculum area:** Art

**Length of session:** 60 minutes

**Maximum group size:** 32



## Session Outline

In this interactive session pupils consider why people wear masks and how they are used in celebrations, performances or ceremonies.

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### Activity 1 Why wear masks?

Pupils explore why people wear masks in Britain and around the world by looking at a range of examples.

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### Activity 2 Handling masks

Pupils handle a range of masks considering how character can be shaped by colour, material, shape and pattern.

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### Activity 3 Museum Search

Pupils look for different types of mask round the Museum. They select a mask to draw which they feel shows a particular mood.

## Learning Outcomes

- Understand that masks can be worn for different reasons: protection, performance, celebration and ceremony
- Appreciate how the character of a mask can be shaped by colour, material, shape and pattern
- Support the development of pupil observation and drawing skill

## Pre visit activities

Discuss why people wear masks.

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Ask pupils to bring in masks which they or their family have worn.

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Think about different emotions and how you can tell what someone is feeling from their facial expression.

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## Post visit activities

Research a local, national and international festival where masks are typically worn.

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Make a mask from recycled materials.

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Make a mask of yourself or someone you know. What colours represent them? What mood are they going to be in?

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