In this gallery you can see paintings of both the city and the countryside. American artists were inspired by farm buildings. Like many of the paintings in this exhibition, the artists didn't include many people. As you look around this gallery, think of the kind of people who might live in these places.

**7 Down on the Farm**

Find this painting.
The farm seems very empty.
Can you draw some farm workers and more animals?

**8 What's the Story?**

Find these three paintings in the gallery.
Choose one of the paintings to be the beginning of a story. Chat with your family – what has just happened? And what's going to happen next? You can write down some ideas here if you like:

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**You've finished the trail. Well done!** Which painting did you think is the coolest in the whole exhibition? Write the title and artist below:

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**AMERICA’S COOL MODERNISM**

Welcome to this exhibition. You’ll be exploring some paintings by American artists, often described as ‘cool’.

What does cool mean to you? Tick any boxes that fit your description of cool...

- COLD
- FASHIONABLE
- BRILLIANT
- UNFRIENDLY
- CALM

**Other**

Throughout this exhibition, you’ll find lots of paintings of American places and buildings in the city and countryside, often without people. As you do this trail, look out for the painting that you think is the coolest. You can write down the title and artist at the end of the trail.

This exhibition also explores how American artists experimented with abstract painting. This is when artists use simple shapes and colours rather than trying to make paintings look realistic. As you look around, think about whether you like abstract art.

**Abstract Sunflowers**

Steichen was an artist who liked to paint sunflowers. One of his sunflower pictures looked a bit like this. Can you find a more abstract sunflower painting by Steichen in this gallery?

What has he changed?
2 Painting Sound
Find this painting called ‘Sound’.
EE Cummings was an artist who tried to paint things he couldn’t see – like sound.
What sort of sound do you think this is? There’s no right answer. It could be anything!

3 Poem Portraits
Find this painting of a fire engine with a number 5.
The artist Demuth, painted this abstract portrait of his friend William Carlos Williams. Williams had written a poem about a red fire engine zooming through the streets of New York so instead of painting Williams’s face, the artist painted the poem.

4 City Paintings
This gallery is full of skyscrapers, bridges and factories in American cities. Cities are full of people, but these artists rarely included them. There are a few people in the paintings. As you look around the gallery, can you spot any?

5 Up High, Down Low
Find this picture of a skyscraper.
The artist makes it look as if we are really close to the bottom of the skyscraper, looking up. Try crouching down at someone’s feet and look up at them. How does it make them look?

Now it’s your turn to try. Choose ONE of these sounds and draw a picture representing the sound they make.

- [ ] DOG’S BARK
- [ ] WATERFALL
- [ ] LAUGHTER

Draw a portrait of someone you know, based on a few of the things they love best.

Here is a portrait of someone who loves cheese, music and fireworks.

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Go through to the next gallery

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Move on to the next gallery