

Lesson: Nazi stolen art found in Germany. Revision of passive voice. (Law students at intermediate or upper-intermediate level)

1. Warm up: Answer the following questions:

- a. What do you know about the policy of Nazi Germany towards Jews and in the occupied countries?
- b. Was all the robbed art restituted to its legal owners? If not, why?

2. Listen to the story:

[http://http-  
ws.bbc.co.uk.edgesuite.net/mp3/learningenglish/2013/11/131104\\_witn\\_nazi\\_art\\_report\\_131104\\_witn\\_nazi\\_art\\_report\\_au\\_bb.mp3](http://http-<br/>ws.bbc.co.uk.edgesuite.net/mp3/learningenglish/2013/11/131104_witn_nazi_art_report_131104_witn_nazi_art_report_au_bb.mp3)

3. Assess if the following statements are true or false:

- a. In the collection there are works by French painters. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The Nazis robbed the collection from Jews. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. The Nazis didn't like the collection. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. It is the present owner of the collection who decided to sell it. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. The legal situation of the collection is clear. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Now read the script and check your answers.

5. Listen and repeat the words:

[http://http-  
ws.bbc.co.uk.edgesuite.net/mp3/learningenglish/2013/11/131104\\_witn\\_nazi\\_art\\_words\\_131104\\_witn\\_nazi\\_art\\_words\\_au\\_bb.mp3](http://http-<br/>ws.bbc.co.uk.edgesuite.net/mp3/learningenglish/2013/11/131104_witn_nazi_art_words_131104_witn_nazi_art_words_au_bb.mp3)

6. Convert the following sentences either from active to passive, or from passive to active:

- a. A collection of 1,500 works of art has been found in the city of Munich
- b. The value of the works is thought to be \$1.35bn.
- c. The collection of works was consigned to a dealer.
- d. The authorities discovered this amazing and priceless collection.
- e. The relative had been selling paintings occasionally.
- f. One work by Max Beckman was sold two years ago for more than three-quarters of a million Euros (\$1m).

7. Homework:

- a. Make your own sentences using the vocabulary listed in the script glossary.
- B. Use links provided at the end of the script and make further web research. Prepare for the related discussion: Can the State be the receiver of stolen goods? Should famous art collections be restituted to their original owners?

Bibliography: BBC Learning English, [online], [dostęp 9 listopada 2013 r.], dostępny w Internecie: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/081222\\_download.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/081222_download.shtml) .

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