Mastering the Masters: The World of Vincent van Gogh

Learning objective: I can identify key facts, techniques, and the artistic influence of Vincent van Gogh.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child to explain why they think Van Gogh used such thick paint after they finish the cards.

Read the term on the front of each card. Test your knowledge by reciting the answer before checking the back. For example, if the card says 'Primary Colours', you might say 'Red, Blue, and Yellow' before confirming.

Which Dutch artist painted 'The Starry Night' while living in France?	**What is the name of the artistic movement that Van Gogh helped lead, known for expressive colours and distorted forms?**
Vincent van Gogh	Post-Impressionism
Van Gogh used a technique called 'impasto'. What does this mean?	**Which iconic flower series did Van Gogh paint to decorate his studio in Arles?**
Applying paint very thickly so it stands out from the canvas	The Sunflowers
What type of paint did Van Gogh primarily use to create his swirling, layered textures?	**True or False: Van Gogh was famous and wealthy during his own lifetime.**
Oil paint	False; he sold very few paintings while he was alive
What is the name for the surface, usually made of fabric, that artists like Van Gogh stretched over a frame to paint on?	**Van Gogh often used 'complementary colours' side-by-side to make them pop. Name a pair of these colours.**
A canvas	Blue and orange, or yellow and purple
In his painting 'The Bedroom', what feeling or mood was Van Gogh trying to express through his choice of colours?	**What is a self-portrait?**
A sense of rest and tranquility	A painting or drawing that an artist makes of themselves