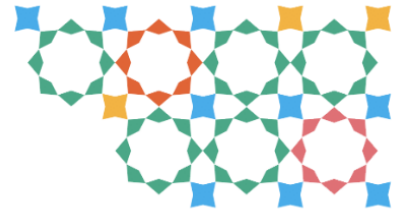


LOOK CLOSER: WORD ACTIVITY

PLAY WITH WORDS!



Look closely at this manuscript painting.

What do you see? What do you think is happening in the scene **depicted** here? What are the different ways in which the figures can be seen “playing” in this scene?

WORD ACTIVITY

Can you describe what is happening in the painting? Use the Word Box below for help in completing a description –

Towards the _____ of the painting, a young man is leaning against a tree and _____ a **stringed setar**, while another is sitting cross legged and _____ a **daf or tambourine**. In the _____ corner, two boys _____ a _____ called **backgammon**. On the _____, another youth _____ by aiming a blowpipe at a _____ in the tree.

Word Box

bottom left	centre	right
are playing	is playing	playing
playing	board game	bird

Did You Know?

This painting is one part of a **finispiece** made in Iran in the 16th century. A finispiece is a double page painting on the last two pages of a manuscript. This finispiece **depicts** men who are relaxing and enjoying themselves at an outdoor gathering in the court of the 16th-century Persian Prince Sultan Ibrahim Mirza.

Helpful Vocabulary

To depict – To show

Setar – A type of stringed musical instrument

Daf or Tambourine – A type of handheld drum

Backgammon – A 5,000 year old board game that is still played today

REFLECTION

What kind of objects do you like to play with? Do you play with different objects indoors and outdoors? What kind of art materials do you enjoy playing with?

Image: Folio from a Double-Page Finispiece, Iran, Qazvin, 1582-83, opaque watercolour, ink, gold and silver on paper, 23.9 x 16.8 cm, AKM282.87