

## **Runners and Cyclists Make Art**

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During the coronavirus pandemic, there were fewer cars on the roads, and people had more free time, too. Some runners and cyclists started to create new and unusual art.

Strava is a **GPS** cycling and running app, and some people started to use it as a paintbrush to create art. They **entered** some points in the app, and then they followed the points to make a line from them. Cyclists sometimes went tens of kilometers because if they made a mistake, they had to start all over again.

The result is amazing. People make symbols, pictures, or even messages which they can share with other people on social media. One Instagram **gallery** already had more than 18,000 pieces of art, and people from all the world add theirs every day.

Many people enjoyed this activity because it was a good way to exercise and create art at the same time.

**Difficult words**: **GPS** (an electronic system which uses satellites to tell where exactly someone or something is), **enter** (to put data or information into a computer), **gallery** (a place where people see and sometimes can buy works of art).



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#### **Discussion Questions**

#### Topic Talk

- 1. Define the word: GPS, enter and gallery
- 2. What kind of app did some runners and cyclists create during the pandemic?
- 3. How does the app work?
- 4. How can other people enjoy the pieces of art they have done through this app?
- 5. Why does the activity catch the attention of many people all over the world?

#### **Express Your Thoughts**

- 1. Do you run or cycle? How long have you been doing it?
- 2. Have you tried this app? Are you using any other app when you run or do any exercise?
- 3. How did you mostly spend your free time during the pandemic?
- 4. What do you think about this app? Do you think it's a good way to promote and motivate people to engage into sports as well as art?