

# Takashi Murakami

**Takashi Murakami** is a contemporary Japanese artist who is well known for his bright colors and action-packed compositions.

Takashi Murakami (Japanese, born 1962), *Tan Tan Bo—In Communication*, 2014. Acrylic on canvas.  
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## Look Closely

What do you see?

Is there a “main character”? Are there two?

How would you describe them?

What do you notice about their expressions?

Find two eyes in the painting. How are they similar? How are they different?

Circle the words below that best describe this painting.

calm    busy    bright    chaotic    colorful    happy    spooky



## ***Try This***

Many shapes are repeated throughout the composition.

How many circles can you find? Triangles? Waves?

How many different characters can you find? (Some of them are very small.)

## ***Make Connections***

Takashi Murakami's art is inspired by comic-book characters. Do the characters in this painting remind you of any comic-book characters you have seen?

What is similar?

What is different?