The performance arts: reviews and critiques

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
PRE-INTERMEDIATE | A2-B1

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each performance word with its meaning.

1 performance ____	**a** a practice session before the real show
2 cast ____	**b** the group of actors in a show
3 rehearsal ____	**c** the written text of a play or film
4 review ____	**d** a written opinion about a show
5 audience ____	**e** a live show in front of people
6 stage ____	**f** the platform where actors perform
7 script ____	**g** the people watching a show
8 applause ____	**h** clapping to show approval
9 director ____	**i** the person in charge of a play or film
10 gripping ____	**j** exciting and holding your attention

2 Choose the correct form.

1 The actors are / have on stage now.

2 We watched a great performance / performing last night.

3 The audience applauded / applause loudly.

4 She wrote a good review / reviewing of the show.

5 The cast rehearsed / rehearse for weeks.

6 The director directed / direct the play well.

7 The story was very gripping / grip.

8 They read the script / scripting together.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

applause | audience | cast | director | gripping | performance | rehearsal | review

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Show A: The 1 _____ was full, and the actors gave an outstanding 2 _____. At the end, the 3 _____ was loud and long.

Show B: The 4 _____ chose a talented 5 _____ for the new play, and after weeks of 6 _____, the story felt truly 7 _____. A local newspaper gave it a great 8 _____.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 gripping ____	**a** nervous
2 talented ____	**b** boring
3 loud applause ____	**c** untalented
4 professional ____	**d** amateur
5 successful ____	**e** failed
6 lively ____	**f** dull
7 well-written ____	**g** poorly written
8 confident ____	**h** weak clapping

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A night at the theatre

Last night, we watched a new play at the local theatre. The cast performed brilliantly, and the story was gripping from start to finish. The director clearly worked hard with the actors during rehearsals, and it showed on stage. At the end, the audience gave loud applause for several minutes. A local newspaper later published a positive review, praising the script and the performances.

1 The play was watched last night. T / F

2 The story was boring. T / F

3 The director did not work hard. T / F

4 The audience applauded loudly. T / F

5 The review was negative. T / F

6 The script was praised. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (on, for, in, of).

1 The actors stood _____ the stage.

2 They rehearsed _____ weeks.

3 She has a leading role _____ the play.

4 The critic gave a positive review _____ the show.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word review of a play, film or concert you have seen (real or imaginary). Include what you liked, the performers and your overall opinion.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the review clear and balanced.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Performance words

1 e 2 b 3 a 4 d 5 g 6 f 7 c 8 h 9 i 10 j

2 Choose the correct form

1 are 2 performance 3 applauded 4 review 5 rehearsed 6 directed 7 gripping 8 script

3 Descriptions

1 audience 2 performance 3 applause 4 director 5 cast 6 rehearsal 7 gripping 8 review

4 Opposites

1 b 2 c 3 h 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 a

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - it was gripping.
3 F - he worked hard.
4 T
5 F - it was positive.
6 T

6 Prepositions

1 on 2 for 3 in 4 of

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and balanced wording.