

It's the largest theatrical district in the world. Watch this video about London's Theatreland and enjoy the show!

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. If you need help, you can read the transcript at any time.

1. Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definitions and write a – h next to the number 1 – 8.

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| 1..... Abba | a. a building where plays are performed |
| 2..... glittery | b. a short preview |
| 3..... a theatre | c. the name of a famous and successful pop group from Sweden |
| 4..... the backstage crew | d. a set of clothes that a performer wears in a performance |
| 5..... a sneak peek | e. made up of small pieces of shiny material |
| 6..... a costume | f. a room where actors get ready for a performance |
| 7..... to relate to a story | g. a team of people who work together to produce a show |
| 8..... a dressing room | h. to feel a connection to a story because it's similar to you or your life |

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the correct answers.

Where is the Theatreland shown in the video?

1. a. in London's West End
 b. in Edinburgh
 c. in New York
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What was the name of the show?

2. a. Thriller
 b. Mamma Mia!
 c. Love Story
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Where is the show set?

3. a. on a mountain in Switzerland
 b. in the English countryside
 c. on a Greek island
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Who is Craig Fletcher?

4. a. the stage manager
 b. an actor in the show
 c. one of the backstage crew

What did he say the best thing about working on the show is?

5. a. he likes the story
 b. he likes the crew, cast and music
 c. he likes the costumes

Who is Clare Whitfield?

6. a. the stage manager
 b. an actress in the show
 c. one of the backstage crew

What does a stage manager do?

7. a. makes sure the show runs safely and without any problems
 b. cleans the stage after a performance
 c. writes the songs and music for the show

According to Clare, who enjoys Mamma Mia!?

8. a. younger people
 b. older people
 c. people of all ages

3. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – the theatre

Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

prop	backstage crew	cast	dressing room
playhouse	costume	stage manager	finale

1. A _____ is another name for a theatre.
2. The _____ is the team of people who produce the show.
3. A _____ is a set of clothes that an actor wears in a performance.
4. A _____ is an everyday object that is used on stage, such as a suitcase, a letter or a diary.
5. The _____ is the group of actors who perform in the show.
6. The _____ makes sure the show runs safely and without any problems.
7. The _____ is the room where the actors change clothes and get ready to perform.
8. The _____ is the last song in a show, and it is usually the biggest and most spectacular.

Do you like going to the theatre?

What plays or shows have you seen?

Do you prefer going to the cinema or going to the theatre?