

Grade 7

Speaking test

Task. You are going to give a talk about your **visit to the theatre**. You will have to start in 1.5 minutes and speak for not more than 2 minutes (10-12 sentences).

Remember to say:

- when you last went to the theatre and what kind of performance you watched (an opera, a musical, a ballet, a play, a pop/rock concert, a classical music concert)
- what it was like
- if you enjoyed it or not and why

I. Introduction.

The theatre, dance and other performing arts can teach people how to express themselves effectively, how to communicate. ... In addition to teaching self-expression, the performing arts help society as a whole in self-knowledge and understanding.

Through the arts of dance, acting, and music, children learn how to communicate in a variety of unique ways.

II. Main body.

1. I'd like to tell you about ... It was a ... and it took place in
2. We/I arrived at the theatre ... The lights went down and the curtain rose. The ... appeared on the stage. The ... was based on the The music was written by/ performed by ... The ... told the story through song/ dance/ music/ ...
3. It was quite strange/ unusual / extraordinary/ fantastic...
4. I fell in love with.../ I can't believe how much I enjoyed it!/ I don't think ... is for me because ...

III. Conclusion.

To sum up/ All in all, I believe that going to the theatre/ circus/ a concert is Life without ... would be less colourful/ much more boring...

Vocabulary:

- to have a long history
- the performance took place ...
- beautiful (bright) costumes/ incredible make-up/ breathtaking finale
- a kaleidoscope of colours
- the was quite strange/ unusual
- to tell the story through song/ dance/ music/
- to show one's emotions
- to use a lot of make-up/symbols
- to use the light to create the atmosphere
- to have a special meaning
- to reveal something about...
- to fall in love with...
- I can't believe how much I enjoyed it!
- I don't think ... is for me.

GOING TO THE THEATRE

What will you talk about?

acting, actors, actresses (seen before? TV? films?)
characters - how they behave (like? dislike?)
situation, story, plot (realistic? exaggerated? surreal?)
who wrote the play/show (m/f? nationality? translation?)
set, scenery, furniture
costumes, hairstyles (modern? historical?)
music, sound effects
lighting

general things to say afterwards

it was interesting - amazing - fascinating - unusual -
strange - funny - sad - dramatic - enjoyable

