

Theatre by the lake

Comprehension check

► Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is RADA?
a a theatre b a drama school c an area of London
- 2 Where is Theatre by the Lake?
a in London b in the West End c in north-west England
- 3 Whose job is it to **find** the furniture they use on the stage?
a Hayley's b Charlotte's c Andrew's

► Watch again. Number the things (A–H) in the order that you see them.

- A ____ an actor, practising with backstage staff
- B ____ a popular West End Show being **performed** on stage
- C ____ a busy London street
- D ____ a smartly-dressed male **ticket** seller
- E ____ a **prestigious** drama school
- F ____ a recreation of a traditional **Shakespearean** theatre
- G ____ beautiful green hills
- H ____ an audience waiting for a play to start

▶ Watch again. Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two extra words.

Andrew Lindsay Artistic Director Charlotte Globe Hayley Judi Dench RADA West End

- 1 The _____ is home to a number of famous theatres in London.
- 2 The _____ was William Shakespeare's theatre in London.
- 3 _____ is one of the celebrities who support Theatre by the Lake.
- 4 Ian Forrest is the _____ at the theatre.
- 5 _____ is the Technical Manager at the theatre.
- 6 _____ works in a team with two other people.

Vocabulary

RECYCLE Choose the correct adjectives.

- 1 The staff who work for the Theatre by the Lake are really **passionate** / **industrious** about their work.
- 2 The staff and volunteers at the theatre are **shrewd** / **selfless**. They just want to work hard to make the theatre a success.
- 3 The writer of the play is really **creative** / **generous**. She has so many good **ideas**.
- 4 The team are really **creative** / **industrious**. They built the stage and painted the set in just three hours.
- 5 The theatre owner is a **shrewd** / **selfless** businessman. He opened the theatre two weeks ago and now everyone wants to come here.
- 6 The staff at the theatre are so **generous** / **passionate** with their time. They often work late to make sure everything goes well.

Complete the text with the words below.

directors playhouse playwrights productions props stages

The National Theatre

The Royal National Theatre in London is one of the most famous performing arts venues in the country. It was founded in 1963 at the Old Vic¹ _____, a theatre in south London, but since 1976 has had its own building by the Thames in central London. The building has three² _____ and puts on about twenty³ _____ each year, written by both well-known and new⁴ _____. All the⁵ _____ used in the plays can be hired from the theatre, including old furniture, stuffed animals and fake food. The National has had six artistic⁶ _____, including one of Britain's greatest ever actors, Laurence Olivier.