

WATER PUPPETRY

Vietnamese water puppetry is a unique folk art. It's said that 'Not watching a performance of water puppetry means not visiting Vietnam yet.' That's why water puppetry is a must-see show for tourists in Vietnam. Watching this show can help you escape from your busy life and refresh your minds with unforgettable moments.

During the shows, you can only see the puppets and a small folk orchestra of about 7 people; the puppeteers stand behind a curtained backdrop in a pool. All puppets are made of fig wood which goes along well with water. Then they are carved and painted. The themes of the shows are very familiar to Vietnamese people. They focus on the daily life of farmers and common aspects of Vietnamese spiritual life.

Vietnamese water puppetry has been introduced to many countries all over the world and received much love from audiences. Foreigners don't understand Vietnamese, but they enjoy the shows because the puppets clearly demonstrate Vietnamese life and culture through their actions. Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre on Dinh Tien Hoang Street near Hoan Kiem Lake is the most popular theatre for water puppetry.

Task 1: Match the following words/ phrases with their corresponding meanings.

1. a must-see show	a) minh họa, giải thích
2. orchestra	b) ban nhạc, dàn nhạc
3. a curtained backdrop	c) bức màn sân khấu
4. demonstrate	d) buổi diễn phải xem/ cực kì nên xem
5. audiences	e) khán giả, người xem

Task 2: Decide if the following statements are True or False or Not Given.

1.All tourists in Vietnam see water puppet shows.

True False Not Given

2.Audiences can see the puppets, the orchestra and the puppeteers during the show.

True False Not Given

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3.Vietnamese water puppetry hasn't received positive feedback from audiences over the world.

True False Not Given

4.Foreigners can still understand the water puppet shows even though they don't understand Vietnamese.

True False Not Given

5.Thang Long Water Puppet Theatre is the biggest theatre in Hanoi.

True False Not Given

Task 3: Choose the best options to complete the following sentences.

1.You can _____ by watching water puppet shows.

A. escape from your busy life B. refresh your minds

C. be good at swimming D. Both A & B are correct.

2.There are about _____ in the orchestra.

A. 4 musical instruments B. 7 people

C. 9 strings D. None are correct.

3."They" in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

A. The themes of the shows B. Vietnamese people

C. the puppeteers D. water puppetry

4._____ is the material to make all puppets.

A. Fig wood B. Stones

C. Water D. None are correct.

5._____ is one of the themes of the puppet shows.

A.The daily life of farmers B. Common aspects of Vietnamese spiritual life

C. Both A & B are correct. D. None are correct.

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