

ADVANCED READING AND USE OF ENGLISH

PART 1



1

**Music and the arts**

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Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

bill camera choir compilation exhibition orchestra skills stage

1. The composer himself is conducting the ..... They are also playing works from Broadway musicals.
2. Unfortunately, the leading actor is ill, so he is not appearing on ..... tonight.
3. A ..... of their greatest hits is being released later this month.
4. The gallery is mounting a new ..... of her lifelong works.
5. I love singing, so I'm thinking of joining a ..... as soon as I can.
6. Top chefs and bakers are showing off their culinary ..... and members of the public are invited to try the dishes.
7. The legendary musician tops the ..... at the festival and will not disappoint.
8. The whole event is being captured on ..... and will be made into a documentary.

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Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs (present simple or present continuous) from the box. Sometimes, both tenses may be possible.

be (x2) book give head hit kick make rest stay take

Indeed, these (1) ..... busy times for us right now. We (2) ..... three performances at the opera house this week, and they (3) ..... all sold-out. As you know, we (4) ..... at the Central Hotel again. Our agent always (5) ..... our rooms here because they (6) ..... such good care of us. Next week, we (7) ..... for Paris, where our fans always (8) ..... us feel so welcome. Our gigs at the French venue (9) ..... off on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 p.m. After that, we (10) ..... for three weeks before we (11) ..... the road again.

Which items can you use the present simple for?



**Exam facts**

- In this part, you read a text with eight gaps.
- You have to choose the correct word (A, B, C or D) for each gap.

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**Exam task**

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For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning. (0)

Example:

0 A time B season C series D episode

Example answer: B



**Don't miss the event of the year!**

Now in its seventh (0) ....., this year, the Rogers Estate Festival starts a day earlier: on Thursday, which means visitors have a whole extra day to enjoy it. This showcase of art and music takes place in a (1) ..... like no other, with the castle ruins in the background. This year's line-up includes an array of talented actors alongside a very (2) ..... selection of both local and international musicians and visual artists.

Visitors can take (3) ..... an impressive range of exhibits and experience both the permanent and (4) ..... collections through their five senses. In addition to large-audience sessions, there will be more intimate moments, including poetry recitals, (5) ..... by soloists plus painters and sculptors at work. Last but not least, on Friday, we are in for a special (6) ..... . Belinda Wilde, our guest of honour this year, is (7) ..... her debut at the festival, giving us a preview of a new (8) ..... of her famous symphony. If you still haven't bought your pass to the festival, what are you waiting for?

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|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1 A scenery      | B set          | C setting      | D stage         |
| 2 A supreme      | B high         | C luxury       | D elite         |
| 3 A off          | B up           | C in           | D on            |
| 4 A provisional  | B temporary    | C casual       | D momentary     |
| 5 A performances | B productions  | C acts         | D presentations |
| 6 A joy          | B bliss        | C treat        | D treatment     |
| 7 A giving       | B making       | C taking       | D doing         |
| 8 A constitution | B distribution | C organisation | D arrangement   |

