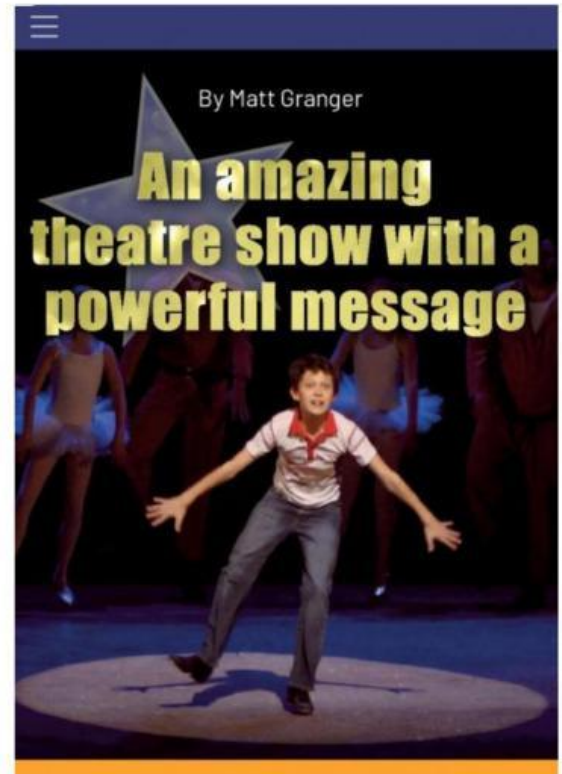




1) ★★☆☆ Read the blog. Match the words with the definitions.

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| 1 <u>B</u> show (n) | 5 _____ arguments |
| 2 _____ secretly | 6 _____ supported |
| 3 _____ discovered | 7 _____ pretend |
| 4 _____ embarrassed | |

- A when you feel shy or very uncomfortable in a social situation
- ~~B an entertainment by actors or other performers~~
- C found out new information about something
- D to act in a particular way in order to give people a false idea
- E encouraged or gave help to someone
- F doing something so that only a very small number of people know
- G angry conversations when you don't agree with the other person



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Last weekend, my class went to see a theatre show called *Billy Elliot*. The show was fantastic and it had a brilliant message.

The story was about Billy, a loyal, helpful 11-year-old boy who lived with his brother, father and grandmother. Because Billy's grandma wasn't well, he had to help look after her and prepare her meals. Billy also helped to clean and tidy their small home.

Billy's father said he had to do boxing, so every week Billy went to boxing classes at a fitness training centre – but he hated it. One day, Billy saw a ballet class at the centre. He loved the dancing, so he secretly changed classes.

The ballet teacher was kind and she quickly realized that Billy could dance really well. But when Billy's father discovered that his son was doing ballet instead of boxing, he was furious. He made Billy stop doing ballet.

Billy's father was embarrassed that his son wanted to be a ballet dancer. But, after many arguments, he finally supported his son's dream, and Billy was allowed to dance again. Years later, when he saw Billy dance with a professional ballet company, his father was very proud.

When Billy was little, his mum wrote him a letter: 'I'm proud that you were mine. Always be yourself. I love you. Mum.' I love that message. I think it means, 'Be true to yourself.'

Like Billy, we should all follow our dreams and be true to ourselves. We shouldn't pretend to be someone else. It's not easy because our parents sometimes have different ideas about who we should be – but that's not always fair. I believe parents ought to think more about this. Don't you agree?

2) ★☆☆ Read the *Skill UP!* Then identify the correct key words for each paragraph.

1 Paragraph 1:

- ☒ A theatre show, fantastic, message
☐ B weekend, class, went

2 Paragraph 2:

- ☐ A boy, brother, small
☐ B story, Billy, help

3 Paragraph 3:

- ☐ A week, fitness, day
☐ B boxing, hated, ballet

4 Paragraph 4:

- ☐ A dance, father, furious
☐ B kind, instead, made

5 Paragraph 5:

- ☐ A embarrassed, arguments, proud
☐ B son, dream, years

6 Paragraph 6:

- ☐ A letter, love, mum
☐ B little, mine, yourself

7 Paragraph 7:

- ☐ A someone, easy, agree
☐ B follow, dreams, true

3) ★☆☆ Are the sentences true (T), false (F) or not given (NG)?

1 Matt went to the theatre with other students.

T ☒ F ☐ NG ☐

2 *Billy Elliot* is a true story.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

3 Billy's grandmother did most of the housework.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

4 Billy didn't like boxing at all.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

5 Billy told his father that he was doing ballet lessons.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

6 At first, Billy's father was happy that his son wanted to do ballet.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

7 Billy received something very important from his mother.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

8 Matt believes people should make their own decisions.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

9 Matt's parents don't want him to be a dancer.

T ☐ F ☐ NG ☐

- 4) ★★☆☆ Write two sentences about the activities in bold.
Use (not) be allowed to, can / can't, (don't) have to, must / mustn't and the words below.

be careful carry a tent play against one opponent
shout think carefully wear boots wear shoes
wear special clothes

Hiking You have to wear boots. You don't have to carry
a tent.

Chess

Gymnastics

Judo

- 5) ★★☆☆ Tick (✓) the correct questions. Correct the errors.

1 You should ~~to~~ wear a helmet when you go climbing.

You should wear a helmet when you go climbing.

We can unload the dishwasher very quickly.

2 I'm not be able to play handball next weekend.

3 Should they prepare food when they were eight?

4 I'll be able to drive a car when I'm older.

5 Can you play hockey?

6 Will you can visit us in the USA next year?

7 You can't go hiking without a map.

8 You ought to clean these dirty windows!

9 James couldn't go to the party last night.

6) Complete with the correct Future Form: WILL, GOING TO or PRESENT CONTINUOUS.

a) Look at the sky! It (rain).

b) Marry thinks that Mark (be) a famous actor soon.

c) Next week Frank and Teresa (fly) to New York. They have already bought tickets.

d) A: "Someone is knocking on the door". B: "I (open).

e) Gina (be) a doctor when she grows up.

f) Harry, (help) me, please?

g) We (watch) a film tomorrow with Billy. He (come) to my house.

h) Can you see this woman? She (have) a baby.

7) Complete the dialogue with the first conditional.

Receptionist Hello, Tunstan Engineering, can I help you?

Rick Oh, hello, my name's Rick Fletcher. I'd like to apply for your training course.

Receptionist Yes, of course. If you ¹_____ (give) me your email address, I ²_____ (send) you the application form.

Rick OK. It's rick.fletcher@emails.com.

Receptionist Thank you. The deadline for applications is this afternoon. If you ³_____ (email) your application to me, our manager ⁴_____ (look) at it this afternoon.

Rick That's great. When will I hear from you?

Receptionist If we ⁵_____ (like) your application, we ⁶_____ (invite) you to an interview next week. If you ⁷_____ (do) well in the interview, we ⁸_____ (offer) you a place on the training course.

Rick Right. And how long is the training scheme?

Receptionist It's a six-month course. If you ⁹_____ (pass) the exams at the end, you ¹⁰_____ (receive) a basic engineering qualification. But it's a very demanding course. If you ¹¹_____ (not / work) hard, you ¹²_____ (not / pass) the exams.

8) Complete the text with the correct past simple or past continuous form of the verbs in brackets.



It was a cold, dark evening. The snow ¹was falling (fall) fast and an icy wind ²_____ (blow). As Rick ³_____ (walk) home along the empty street, he ⁴_____ (see) a strange flash of light in the distance. He ⁵_____ (stop). 'Maybe it was just my imagination,' he thought. Then, suddenly, the light ⁶_____ (flash) again. As he was watching it, he ⁷_____ (hear) a shout in the distance. 'Help me! Please, someone, help me!' He ⁸_____ (run) towards the light when something hit his head. Rick ⁹_____ (fall) onto the snow. A car door opened and a man ¹⁰_____ (step) out in front of him ...

9) Complete the sentence with *used to* + a verb from the list.

write spend work hold help act teach set tell do

- a Charles Dickens, the novelist, used to write until early in the morning, and then go for long walks across London.
- b William Shakespeare _____ in some of his own plays.
- c The German philosopher Immanuel Kant _____ exactly the same things at the same time every day, so that people _____ their watches by his actions.
- d The author Agatha Christie _____ her second husband with his archaeological excavations.
- e The novelist James Joyce _____ English in the Italian city of Trieste, and some people say that he _____ his students the wrong meanings of words as a joke.
- f The novelist Marcel Proust _____ in a special soundproof room.
- g The ancient Greek philosophers _____ their classes outside in the open air.
- h The Russian novelist Vladimir Nabokov _____ his free time studying and catching moths and butterflies.

10) ★☆☆ Choose the correct options to complete the sentences.

- 1 We haven't used that old laptop ... at least ten years.
A since **B for**
- 2 Have you changed your email address ... December?
A since B for
- 3 We've had this app ... a few months.
A since B for
- 4 They've used this technology ... the 1960s.
A since B for
- 5 I haven't looked at my smartphone ... yesterday.
A since B for

11) ★★☆☆ Write present perfect questions with ever and present perfect sentences with never.

1 you / climb a mountain / ?

Have you ever climbed a mountain?

2 I / eat / snails (X)

I've never eaten snails.

3 you / learn Japanese / ?

4 he / write a song / ?

5 we / write a blog (X)

6 she / live in the country / ?

7 they / go / to the USA / ?

8 it / snow / here at Christmas (X)

9 I / see / *Star Wars* (X)

12) Write sentences from the prompts with the present perfect and the past simple.

1 A you / ever / win / a competition?

Have you ever won a competition?

B Yes, I have.

A what / you / win?

What did you win?

B I / win / a gold medal at a singing competition.

I won a gold medal at a singing competition.

2 A you / ever / meet / a famous person?

B Yes, I have.

A who / you / meet?

B I / meet / Emma Watson at a film premiere.

3 A you / ever / be / in a helicopter?

B Yes, I have.

A where / you / go?

B I / fly / over Cape Town.

4 A you / ever / break / your leg?

B Yes, I have.

A what / happen?

B I / fall / off my bike.

5 A you / ever / lose / your phone?

B Yes, I have.

A how / you / lose / it?

B I / leave / it / on the train.

13) WRITING: Think about a movie you like. Write a summary of the story and give your opinion. Use Past Simple and Past Continuous.