# Unit 4

## A Choose the correct answers.

1 I'll probably arrive at the theatre first, so I'll just wait for you in the ___ and we can go in together.
**a** foyer **b** wings **c** stage **d** aisle

2 Even the most experienced actors can suffer from stage ___ on the opening night.
**a** rehearsal **b** room **c** fear **d** fright

3 You know I can't stand tear-jerking ___ flicks; let's go see the new thriller instead.
**a** chic **b** chick **c** hen **d** bird

4 The film tells the ___ of an unfulfilled love.
**a** tail **b** tale **c** talk **d** narrative

5 When is the new Tim Burton movie being ___? I can't wait to go see it.
**a** revealed **b** reviewed **c** released **d** received

6 What time is the dress ___? The director will be really angry if I am late again.
**a** hitch **b** ovation **c** performance **d** rehearsal

7 It's very dark in the theatre; let's wait for the ___ to show us to our seats.
**a** usher **b** narrator **c** critic **d** animator

8 It was an excellent performance. The actors deserved the standing ___ they received at the end.
**a** audience **b** lead **c** ovation **d** role

9 After the end of a play, people from the audience can usually go ___ to meet the members of the cast.
**a** aisles **b** backstage **c** wings **d** dancing

10 I really enjoyed Colin Firth's ___ of King George VI in *The King's Speech*.
**a** portrayal **b** interval **c** animation **d** set

## B Complete the sentences with a preposition.

1 Irene was really nervous about the school play, but it went off _____ a hitch.
2 Although no one in the cast was an actor _____ profession, they gave a very powerful performance.
3 The scene was shot in my neighbourhood. You can see my house _____ the background.
4 I always cry in that final scene where they dance _____ the accompaniment of their favourite song.
5 The director instructed us to remain _____ character at all times while we were filming.
6 _____ showbiz actors who are hugely popular one day, may not be able to land a job the next.
7 Have you ever wondered what it is like to be _____ the set of a live show?
8 If you accept the job of understudy, you may be asked to step in _____ a moment's notice.

## C Circle the correct answers.

1 That actress is well over sixty. **Actually / Surely**, you were joking when you said you were thinking about casting her in the part of the teenage daughter!
2 The play got very bad reviews. **As a matter of fact / Obviously**, you are the only person I know who had anything good to say about it.
3 Of course Tim's name should be first on the cast list. **After all / Admittedly**, he is the lead actor.
4 Can't we go see a different film? **Quite honestly / Obviously**, I find romantic comedies boring.
5 The special effects in the film were dreadful. **All in all / Apparently**, the producers didn't want to spend a lot of money on it.
6 She's been acting in plays since she was a little girl, so **naturally / still**, she feels at home on the stage.
7 I think the tickets to the play are rather expensive. **Still / I mean**, if that's what mum and dad want for their anniversary, it's worth the money.
8 I felt the ending was a bit predictable, but **after all / all in all** I would say it was a good film.

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**D** **Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.**

1 All my life I've wanted _____ (become) an actor, but I guess I just don't have what it takes.
2 The director instructed us to concentrate on _____ (deliver) our lines naturally.
3 She is always late and we don't have enough time _____ (rehearse) her scenes properly.
4 My splitting headache prevented me from _____ (enjoy) the film.
5 I can't understand why the producers insist on _____ (release) the film at Christmas. It's in no way related to the holiday.
6 I remember _____ (watch) cartoons every morning when I was a child. It was my favourite time of the day.
7 How could you have forgotten _____ (pick up) the DVD from the video club? You know I was really looking forward to _____ (watch) that film tonight!
8 _____ (grow up) as the child of famous Hollywood stars can be tough at times.
9 My parents wouldn't allow me _____ (watch) violent films until I turned fourteen.
10 Our drama teacher makes us _____ (do) lots of breathing exercises at the beginning of each lesson.

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