

Unit 4

A Choose the correct answers.

- 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
- Even the most experienced actors can suffer from stage ___ on the opening night.
a rehearsal b room c fear d fright
- 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
- The film tells the ___ of an unfulfilled love.
a tail b tale c talk d narrative
- When is the new Tim Burton movie being ___? I can't wait to go see it.
a revealed b reviewed c released d received
- What time is the dress ___? The director will be really angry if I am late again.
a hitch b ovation c performance d rehearsal
- 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
- It was an excellent performance. The actors deserved the standing ___ they received at the end.
a audience b lead c ovation d role
- 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
- 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.

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

C Circle the correct answers.

- 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!
- 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.
- Of course Tim's name should be first on the cast list. **After all / Admittedly**, he is the lead actor.
- Can't we go see a different film? **Quite honestly / Obviously**, I find romantic comedies boring.
- 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.
- She's been acting in plays since she was a little girl, so **naturally / still**, she feels at home on the stage.
- 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.
- I felt the ending was a bit predictable, but **after all / all in all** I would say it was a good film.

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.