

a  Listen and number the images 1–6 in the order you hear them.



b Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What kind of street performers does Karen mention?
- 2 Why does Kinuko dislike circuses?
- 3 Why are the *Hun Lakhon Lek* puppeteers so elegant?
- 4 Why does Vishal like Tarantino movies?
- 5 What warning does Julie give about stand-up comedy shows?
- 6 Why does Helmut prefer the theater to the movies?

B Movies & theater

- Complete sentences 1–10 with the words in the box.

cast part performance plot scene scenery
script soundtrack special effects stage

- 1 Quentin Tarantino wrote the _____ for *Reservoir Dogs* in three weeks.
- 2 I didn't understand the movie because the _____ was so complicated.
- 3 The actors gave their best _____ of the show so far.
- 4 John Williams has composed the music for the _____ of this movie and many others.
- 5 The balcony _____ in *Romeo and Juliet* is very famous.
- 6 Movie studios now use computers to create many _____.
- 7 We have front row seats—right next to the _____!
- 8 I'd love to play the _____ of Sophie in *Mamma Mia*.
- 9 *Vicky Cristina Barcelona* has a great _____—the three leading actors are excellent!
- 10 She's a talented artist and paints the _____ for many shows.

- Which words are related to a) movies? b) theater? c) both?

Movies ↪

Theater ↪

Both ↪

Karen

I really like street performers. You know, musicians, mime artists and even those artists who draw pictures on the sidewalk. I like listening to street musicians as well, especially on the subway. Some of them are really good. It's really uplifting to hear live music on the way to work!

Kinuko

I like all sorts of entertainment, but I don't really like circuses. They're very depressing. I think it's cruel to keep wild animals in those conditions, and it's humiliating for them to do all those tricks! I guess circus performers are very talented, though.

Shane

When I went to Thailand last year, I saw a traditional puppet play called the *Hun Lakhon Lek*. It was amazing! The puppets were all about a meter tall, and each one had three puppeteers to move it. The puppeteers are also classical dancers, so the way the puppets move is really elegant and realistic.

Vishal

I love the movies! My favorite director is probably Quentin Tarantino. His movies are always action-packed, and the special effects are usually amazing! His latest script is for a Western and I can't wait to see that. I also really like Indian movies a lot. I mean, the plots can be a little predictable, but they always have a big cast so they're really visually interesting.

Julie

I really like stand-up comedy. I love how comedians think about everyday things in such random and unusual ways—they're hilarious! But if you go to a live show, don't sit next to the stage; the comedians always make you the focus of their jokes, and that can be pretty embarrassing!

Helmut

There's nothing like the atmosphere in a theater when the curtain goes up and you see the stage and scenery for the first time. It's like being transported to a different world! And I think a really good performance is much more moving and emotional than watching a movie. I love the energy between the performers and the audience.

▶ Mark the adjectives in the box that the speakers in the audio used. What were they describing? Check your answers in Transcript 6.1 on page 42.

action-packed _____ depressing _____ gripping _____
hilarious _____ intriguing _____ memorable _____
moving _____ predictable _____
(un)realistic _____ uplifting _____