

1. Look at the photos and label them.



The Globe Theatre

Big Ben

The Tower of London

The London Eye

2. Listen to the text and fill in the gaps.

Have you ever seen Shakespearean play? If you have, you probably saw it in an indoor theatre with roof lights and _____ seats but Shakespeare's plays were designed to be performed in a different kind of place the Globe Theatre.

The Globe was built in 1599 by a company of actors called Lord Chamberlain's Men. Among its members and _____ of the theatre was Shakespeare himself. Nobody really knows for sure what the Globe looked like. We are able to approximate its look by examining some old drawings and written accounts. The Globe was a round or polygonal _____. The plays were staged during the day because the theatre was not lit. The viewers could either could stand on a pit or a yard in front of the stage or sit down in the round galleries. There was no roof over the pit. So if it rained the viewers in the pit known as the Groundlings would get wet. The stage jutted out into the pit and was only a few feet high. So that the Groundlings though they had to stand and risk getting _____ had the possibility of being close to the actors. The stage had two trapdoors one in the ceiling and one in the floor, which were _____ Heaven and Hell.

The name of the Globe comes from a Latin saying because all the world is a playground or a Shakespeare puts it in as you like it, "All the _____ is stage and all the men and women merely players".