

# 1 VOCABULARY live entertainment

a Talk to a partner.

- 1 How often do you go to live events, e.g. concerts, the theatre, sporting events, etc.?
- 2 What was the last live event you went to?
- 3 Where are the best places to go for live entertainment in your (nearest) town / city?

b **7.12** Listen to conversations 1–3. Match them to the events below. Are the people talking before, during, or after the event?

 a concert  a play  a sporting event

c Look at the list of words related to live entertainment and listen again. Who says each word, speaker 1, 2, or 3?

 box office  crowd  half-time  interval  matinee  
 performance  stadium  stage  stalls / circle

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d Write the words from c in the correct column. Then add these words to the chart.

arena audience curtain extra time fans final whistle  
opponent plot programme row scene score  
spectators tickets

| Sporting event | Play, musical, or concert | Both |
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e 7.13 Listen and check. Then listen and repeat the words in each column.

## 2 PRONUNCIATION homographs

a **7.14** Listen and repeat the sentences. What do the **highlighted** words mean in each sentence? Which two pairs of words are pronounced differently?

- 1 a We went to a **live** concert last weekend.  
b We **live** next to the concert hall.
- 2 a We're massive **fans** of Ed Sheeran.  
b The air conditioning has broken, so we've bought two electric **fans**.
- 3 a We sat in the back **row**, so we couldn't hear very well.  
b After the concert, we had a terrible **row**.
- 4 a We had really good seats for the play – we were right next to the **stage**.  
b My son is at a **stage** of life where all he's interested in is his phone.

b Read the information box. What kind of homograph is each pair of words in a?

### Homographs

- 1 Some words in English are spelled and pronounced exactly the same, but have different meanings, e.g. **stalls** (a place where people sit in the theatre, tables where people sell things in a market), **park** (a green area in a town, to leave your car somewhere).
- 2 A few words are spelled the same, but pronounced differently and have different meanings, e.g. **bow** /bəʊ/ (to put your head down, e.g. at the end of a concert or play when people are clapping), but **bow** /bəʊ/ (a weapon that you use to shoot an arrow).

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