

Extra practice!

Theatre and musicals Exaggerated synonyms Theatre words Compound adjectives

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are more words than you need.

flurry reboot replicate sheer slack-jawed visceral well-meaning

- 1 There was a _____ of activity as the actor rushed into the dressing room, changed in two minutes and rushed out again.
- 2 I don't like it when _____ people pay me compliments which are so exaggerated they sound like sarcasm.
- 3 The *Return of Godzilla* in 1984 was the first _____ of the 1952 Japanese film *Godzilla*.
- 4 We just sat there _____ and gaped at the performance. It was the most amazing thing I'd seen in years.
- 5 The review described his art as having a profound _____ power.
- 6 You can't really _____ those first childhood experiences at the movies – nothing you experience later is quite as delightful.

2 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first and the last letters of the words have been given.

- 1 The r _____ c sound of the drums made everyone want to dance.
- 2 Bach's *Mass in B minor* and Handel's *Messiah* are among the most popular works of c _____ l music.
- 3 I rushed down the a _____ e, trying to get to my seat in time.
- 4 The clown walked onto the stage on s _____ s, pretended to lose his balance, then regained it.
- 5 It seems the government intends to introduce some r _____ l changes in culture – nothing is likely to remain as before.
- 6 The James Bond films are fun but really f _____ - f _____ d – undetectable space stations, invisible cars, surfing on top of a tsunami – you can't really believe any of it.
- 7 We need some p _____ s for the performance: an alarm clock, an old-fashioned phone and an umbrella.

3 Choose the best option.

- 1 The theatre hadn't been so packed _____ in years. There were even people sitting on the steps in front of the stage.
A out B in C up
- 2 When the dance show was finally over and I hadn't made a fool of myself, I went home with a sheer _____ of relief.
A feel B emotion C sense
- 3 *The Mousetrap*, the longest-_____ theatre play ever, has been on non-stop since its opening in 1952.
A running B playing C performed
- 4 You know, our decision is going to have far-_____ consequences, so we ought to think about them.
A going B reaching C affecting
- 5 It was a _____-stopping scene. The suspense was almost too much to bear.
A mind B breath C heart
- 6 The producers expect this to be the _____-grossing show of the year.
A best B most C highest
- 7 One _____-judged decision can affect the success of a film profoundly.
A sick B ill C unwell