Vocabulary

Talking about arts events

1 Replace the words in bold with the words/phrases in the box.

acts been collaborative be fast-paced literary
mediocre open-mike night over-the-top out of tune

1 My poor mum often sings **incorrect musical notes** _____, but she doesn't realise it.
2 There's an **evening when anyone can perform** _____ at the café down the street.
3 I prefer my film to **feature events happening quickly** _____, which is why I like thrillers.
4 My friends and I thought the film was **not very good** _____.
I didn't hate it, but I've seen much better.
5 The actress's performance in that film was so **extreme and silly** _____. It wasn't natural at all.
6 There's a **book-related** _____ festival on over the summer. I'd love to go to it.
7 I love the fact that the community arts project has **involved everyone working together** _____.
8 The cabaret included various **short performances** _____. The magician was my favourite.

2 Complete the conversation with the words/phrases in the box.

act disappointment duo gig indie fast-paced
moving outrageous stand-up comedy

A: How was the open-mike night?
B: It was a bit of a [1] _____. There was only one good [2] _____ and the others were terrible.
A: Who was the good one?
B: A woman who did some [3] _____. Her jokes were a bit [4] _____ at times – Maddy was shocked! But they were funny.
A: Sounds good. I saw a Spanish [5] _____ film at the arts cinema. It was quite [6] _____ so I had to focus, but it was also very [7] _____. It made me cry.
B: Send me a link to it and I'll have a look. Oh, by the way, that folk [8] _____ you like are doing a [9] _____ at the community centre on Saturday. Let's go!

Language focus

Word grammar and patterns (*expect, surprised*)

3 Match the sentence halves.

1 I'm surprised how few ___
2 The kids expect the circus ___
3 I hadn't expected the festival to be ___
4 We were surprised how ___
5 The concert wasn't as good ___
6 I suppose we were expecting ___

a such a big event.
b as I expected.
c to be more exciting than last time.
d much people enjoyed the poetry evening.
e something less over-the-top.
f people attended the exhibition.

4 Add one word to each sentence to make it correct.

1 We didn't expect there be so many people at the wedding.
2 My parents were surprised tall the kids had got.
3 I didn't expect to be so much traffic on the roads.
4 I surprised how popular this TV show is.
5 The exam wasn't as tough I was expecting.
6 I'd expected the film to be far better it was.

5 Complete the comments using the prompts.

[1] _____
(I / surprised / good) the photos were, especially as they were taken by local people, not professionals. Well done all!

I know more people came than anticipated, but getting in was a bit chaotic. [2] _____
(I / expect / something like this / more organised).

[3] _____
(We / surprised / many people / attended /the event). The photos all sold too, which was fantastic!

I'm afraid [4] _____
(it / not / enjoyable as / expecting). There were too many people crammed into too little space.

[5] _____
(I /not / expect / be / impressed) by the photos that I'd want to buy two. That just shows how good they were.

The exhibition only lasted a day. [6] _____
_____ (We / expect / it / go on) for longer, so we missed out. Maybe it could last longer next time?

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