

ENTERTAINMENT

VOCAB PRACTICE



1 Read the text and explain the meaning of the words in **bold**.

Last weekend, fans of musical theatre filled the seats of a popular **venue** in Madrid to attend a live performance of the internationally acclaimed musical **Wicked** (Actually, one of the longest-running shows worldwide). The show, which tells the **plot** of the untold story of the witches of Oz, was both emotional and visually stunning. The entire **cast** gave powerful performances, and the songs were so **catchy** that people were singing the **lyrics** on their way out.

Many in the audience were excited not only to see the stage production, but also to celebrate the announcement that the second part of the **Wicked** film will be released soon. The first movie, which was a major **blockbuster**, starred famous actors and singers and featured an unforgettable soundtrack written by award-winning **songwriters**. The upcoming sequel is expected to be a **smash hit** as well.

Although some critics once called the stage version **overrated**, the Madrid performance proved otherwise—it was truly worth seeing. Tickets **sold out** within hours, and the show has become one of the most enjoyable theatre experiences of the year. If you're lucky enough to get a seat, be ready for a magical night that's more than just a show—it's a **spellbinding** journey.

2 Match

A (Vocabulary from Text)

1. Acclaimed
2. Catchy
3. Blockbuster
4. Worth seeing
5. Smash hit
6. Enjoyable

B (Synonyms)

- a. Very successful
- b. Entertaining
- c. Highly praised
- d. Unforgettable
- e. Addictive (song/music)
- f. Deserves attention

3 Complete the sentences with vocabulary.

Live performance, lyrics, cast, plot, remake, venue, soundtrack, overrated

1. The theatre _____ in Madrid was completely full for the premiere of **Wicked**.
2. The _____ of the musical gives a different perspective on the witches of Oz.
3. The actress who plays Elphaba delivered a breathtaking _____.
4. Many fans were impressed by the talented _____, especially during the group numbers.
5. Everyone left the show humming the _____ from "Defying Gravity."
6. Some people once called **Wicked** _____, but the sold-out shows say otherwise.
7. The film version includes a beautiful _____ composed by famous songwriters.
8. The movie isn't a _____—it's a brand-new version with a fresh take on the original story.

4 Idioms

Break a leg : Good luck before a performance

Steal the show : Be the best or most memorable part

In the spotlight : Receiving a lot of public attention

Standing ovation : Audience stands up to applaud

Showstopper : A number so impressive it interrupts with applause