

**.Vocabulary: affordable, cast, humorous, innovative, plot, spoiler.**

6. I didn't really understand the story. The \_\_\_\_\_ was very confusing.
7. The movie preview showed almost the entire story! It was such a \_\_\_\_\_!
8. I think that renting a movie at home is more \_\_\_\_\_ than going to a movie theater.
9. Old sci-fi movies used \_\_\_\_\_ techniques to create special effects before computer-generated technology existed.
10. I love TV shows that make me laugh. Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ shows?

### **Grammar**

**Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses.**

**More than one answer is possible.**

11. Do you think they \_\_\_\_\_ (cancel) the game because of the rain?
12. The last bus \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) at 10:00.
13. Don't worry. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) late.
14. Does the basketball game \_\_\_\_\_ (start) at 7:00?
16. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to the party tonight?

**Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.**

19. Do you think they're going to call \_\_\_\_\_ the event because of the rain?
  - A) on
  - B) up
  - C) off
20. Should we dress \_\_\_\_\_ for the play or is it casual?
  - A) up
  - B) out
  - C) over
21. Let's go sit down. We just need to figure \_\_\_\_\_ where our seats are.
  - A) off
  - B) out
  - C) off
22. Hurry \_\_\_\_\_! We're late and we're going to miss the beginning of the movie.
  - A) in
  - B) out

C) up

23. I can't go to concert so I am going to give the tickets \_\_\_\_\_.

A) over

B) away

C) in

**Reading**

Read the text. Decide if the statements are *True (T)*, *False (F)*, or *Not Given (NG)*.

**Cirque du Soleil Revisited**

Founded in Montreal, Canada, Cirque du Soleil entertains audiences with animal-free, energetic, music-filled performances. The Cirque du Soleil show *Alegria*, from the Spanish word *joy*, is one of the best shows I've ever attended. It was performed more than 5000 times until the show closed in 2013.

When I was invited to see *Alegria: In a New Light*, a re-arranged version of the original, I was curious to see how it compared to the performance I had loved so much. I was happy to learn that this revival would be performed under the big tent, as was the original.

Although the original show had a more interesting plot, I think the cast, dressed like royalty, does a great job guiding the audience through their strange land. One of my favorite scenes is when the main characters, after having an argument, are reunited in the middle of a snowstorm. The snow looks magical!

I was happy to see that some of the group routines were similar to those in the original. Aerial flyers flip and catch one another high above the stage. Acrobats run toward each other on a giant trampoline, and at the last moment, fly into the air without colliding.

Of course, there are some new additions as well. One of the most unbelievable acts is the contortionist who bends her body into unusual and unnatural positions while completely covered in moving hula hoops. The most exciting is the Fire Knife Man who throws batons—long sticks—with a knife on one end and fire on the other. Amazingly, he catches one in his mouth!

In all, I really liked how this show updated some of the old acts while giving us an entirely new experience. If you ever have the chance to see the Cirque du Soleil, you must. From the unique costumes, to the amazing aerial performances, and a majestic snowstorm, they will carry you to another world, even if it's just for one night.

27. The author saw both the original show and the new one. \_\_\_\_

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28. The author's favorite scene involved weather. \_\_\_\_
31. The group routines from the original are exactly the same in the new show. \_\_\_\_
32. The author thought the performer with the hula hoops was better than the Fire Knife Man. \_\_\_\_
33. The author wrote a generally positive review. \_\_\_\_

### **Writing**

Choose one of the writing tasks below. Write around 100 words.

34. Write a review of your favorite book, movie, or play. Describe the plot and the cast or characters.

### **Listening**

Listen. Decide if the sentences are *True (T)* or *False (F)*.

36. Aya Brand is an author. \_\_\_\_
37. You can eat French fries and hot dogs at the mobile art gallery. \_\_\_\_
39. Jason deCaires Taylor builds the sculptures underwater. \_\_\_\_
40. You must go underwater to see the sculptures. \_\_\_\_
42. The sculpture materials are not good for the environment. \_\_\_\_