

Reading

3 Read the text. Match questions 1-6 with paragraphs A-E that answer the questions. There is one extra question (put 'x' next to it).

Ballet Black

A

Ballet Black is a professional ballet dance company based in London. It was started by a young woman called Cassa Pancho in 2001 when she discovered that there were no professional black ballerinas in the UK. Pancho's father is from Trinidad, and Pancho was disappointed that there were no role models for young black or Asian dancers. Since then, she has dedicated her life to changing this. The company started off very small. Pancho had a job as a receptionist to earn money to buy shoes and train tickets for the dancers, and her grandmother gave her £2000 for their first show. When they first started, there were only eight dancers, four men and four women. Pancho was one of the dancers.

B

In the beginning, Ballet Black performed at a small theatre in London, but later they were asked to move to a big theatre in Covent Garden. They also started to get money from the government and charities, although everyone who worked for Ballet Black had another job as well as dancing. They were only dancing two or three days a week, as their shows didn't make much money at the box office.

C

When people go to the theatre to see ballet, they usually expect to see beautiful costumes, expensive scenery and even special effects, but Pancho is less interested in this. For her, the most important element of any performance is the dancing. She wants the audience to only focus on this, so works on creating shows that are both gripping and imaginative with complex characters. She asks her designers to make simple costumes. They use old material and clothes from second hand shops. Everything that you see on stage can usually fit into a suitcase.

D

Since the company started, many things have changed in the world of ballet. There are more and more black and Asian dancers in all dance companies, and you can now buy ballet shoes in brown as well as pink. Ballet Black is also special as they visit both big and small cities. This means that people who can't travel or who don't have a lot of money can also experience great quality dance performances. There are still things that Pancho would like to change, though. At the moment, they do not have live music at their shows. They use a recording instead. In the future she'd like to have her own musicians.

E

As well as Ballet Black, Pancho has started a dance school for three- to eighteen-year-olds. The classes are open to anyone, from any cultural background and they are very popular. She also runs workshops for people of any age. There are no limits, anyone can join and anyone can become a dancer. Pancho's biggest hope for the future is that one day, Ballet Black won't have to exist anymore. She hopes that there will be the same opportunities for dancers from any background. What's certain is that she is inspiring a new generation of dancers.

- 1 What can you see on stage? ____
- 2 How do the dancers earn money? ____
- 3 Who can see Ballet Black perform? ____
- 4 How does Pancho encourage more people to dance? ____
- 5 Why was Cassa Pancho disappointed with Ballet Black? ____
- 6 Why did Cassa Pancho start Ballet Black? ____

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Vocabulary

1 Complete the sentences with the missing words. The first letters are given.

- 0 We always watch a r o m a n t i c comedy on Saint Valentine's Day.
- 1 You can watch films at any time if you have o _ - _ _ _ _ _ TV at home.
- 2 The first c _ _ _ _ _ of this book is very long.
- 3 What is your favourite f _ _ _ _ tale?
- 4 The p _ _ _ of most thrillers is very difficult to follow.
- 5 Can they win an important music a _ _ _ _ with this album?

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2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in CAPITALS.

- 0 Annie Leibovitz is a famous photographer.
PHOTOGRAPHY
- 1 Michelangelo was both a great _____
and a talented painter. SCULPTURE
- 2 The film is a _____ story about a
shy boy and his dog. MOVE
- 3 Have you seen this _____ film
about life in the South Pole? DOCUMENT
- 4 The _____ for the TV series is an
English village. SET
- 5 Martha's an _____ example for
many young actresses. INSPIRE

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Grammar

3 Complete the sentences with *just*, *already* or *yet*.

- 0 My sister has just left – only a few minutes ago.
- 1 I don't want to go on holiday to Rome again. We've _____ been there twice this year!
- 2 X: Oh, is that Jason's voice?
Y: Yes, I think he has _____ arrived.
- 3 Have you been to the Young Art Museum _____?
- 4 She's just fifteen years old and she's _____ won two awards.
- 5 Jason, you haven't shown us your photos _____.

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4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the words in CAPITALS. Write no more than three words.

- 0 John is taller than Peter. SHORT
Peter is shorter than John.
- 1 My Internet connection isn't fast enough to watch videos. TOO
My Internet connection _____ to watch videos.
- 2 Adrian is less experienced than Dylan. AS
Adrian isn't _____ Dylan.
- 3 A cinema ticket costs £8 and a theatre ticket costs £20. EXPENSIVE
A theatre ticket is _____ a cinema ticket.
- 4 I'm afraid you are too short to be a professional basketball player. NOT
I'm afraid you are _____ to be a professional basketball player.
- 5 In my opinion, Christina Aguilera's songs are better than Lady Gaga's. THAN
In my opinion, Lady Gaga's songs are _____
_____ Christina Aguilera's.

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Use of English

5 Choose the correct option, A, B or C to complete the text.

David Hockney's modern art

David Hockney is a famous artist from the UK. His works are in art ⁰ _____ and museums around the world. In a recent ¹ _____ at the Royal Academy of Arts, he showed why he still has such a reputation. Hockney is ² _____ to retire but he continues to develop interesting ways of creating art. This time, rather than creating a traditional oil ³ _____, he used a tablet computer in addition to traditional techniques.

His works clearly show his emotional connection to the countryside. The wonderful huge ⁴ _____ of Yorkshire really attract your attention as they show the change of the seasons, from the bright greens of spring to the whiteness of winter. David Hockney's house is in Los Angeles but he regularly returns to Yorkshire to paint. This year he has ⁵ _____ visited it twice.

- 0 A places B galleries C walls
 1 A stage B location C exhibition
 2 A too old B old enough C older than
 3 A sculpture B photography C painting
 4 A landscapes B portraits C street art
 5 A already B yet C just

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6 Choose the correct option.

- 0 X: Is she your favourite _____?
 Y: Yes, I really love her songs.
 A journalist B singer C author
- 1 X: The thriller we watched last night was _____.
 Y: Yes, it was really exciting.
 A disappointing B moving C gripping
- 2 X: Which novel is better: 'Prague in Spring' or 'Dark Night'?
 Y: 'Prague in Spring' is better. It's _____ 'Dark Night'.
 A as interesting as B more interesting than
 C the most interesting of

- 3 X: Is this Lady Gaga's first _____?
 Y: No, her first CD was 'The Fame' in 2008.
 A album B soundtrack C gig
- 4 X: Why are the girl's eyes closed in the photo?
 Y: _____.
 A She looks very young.
 B She's probably tired.
 C In my opinion, she's boring.
- 5 X: Would you like to buy any of John Green's novels?
 Y: No, thanks. I've _____ read all his books two or three times.
 A yet B just C already

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