

# Theatre by the lake

## Comprehension check

▶ Watch the DVD clip. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is RADA?  
a a theatre      b a drama school      c an area of London
- 2 Where is Theatre by the Lake?  
a in London      b in the West End      c in north-west England
- 3 Whose job is it to find the furniture they use on the stage?  
a Hayley's      b Charlotte's      c Andrew's

▶ Watch again. Number the things (A–H) in the order that you see them.

- A \_\_\_ an actor, practising with backstage staff
- B \_\_\_ a popular West End Show being performed on stage
- C \_\_\_ a busy London street
- D \_\_\_ a smartly-dressed male ticket seller
- E \_\_\_ a prestigious drama school
- F \_\_\_ a recreation of a traditional Shakespearean theatre
- G \_\_\_ beautiful green hills
- H \_\_\_ an audience waiting for a play to start

▶ Watch again. Complete the sentences with the words below. There are two extra words.

Andrew Lindsay   Artistic Director   Charlotte   Globe   Hayley   Judi Dench   RADA   West End

- 1 The \_\_\_\_\_ is home to a number of famous theatres in London.
- 2 The \_\_\_\_\_ was William Shakespeare's theatre in London.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the celebrities who support Theatre by the Lake.
- 4 Ian Forrest is the \_\_\_\_\_ at the theatre.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is the Technical Manager at the theatre.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ works in a team with two other people.

## Vocabulary

**RECYCLE** Choose the correct adjectives.

- 1 The staff who work for the Theatre by the Lake are really **passionate** / **industrious** about their work.
- 2 The staff and volunteers at the theatre are **shrewd** / **selfless**. They just want to work hard to make the theatre a success.
- 3 The writer of the play is really **creative** / **generous**. She has so many good ideas.
- 4 The team are really **creative** / **industrious**. They built the stage and painted the set in just three hours.
- 5 The theatre owner is a **shrewd** / **selfless** businessman. He opened the theatre two weeks ago and now everyone wants to come here.
- 6 The staff at the theatre are so **generous** / **passionate** with their time. They often work late to make sure everything goes well.

Complete the text with the words below.

directors   playhouse   playwrights   productions   props   stages

### The National Theatre

The Royal National Theatre in London is one of the most famous performing arts venues in the country. It was founded in 1963 at the Old Vic <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, a theatre in south London, but since 1976 has had its own building by the Thames in central London. The building has three <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ and puts on about twenty <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ each year, written by both well-known and new <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. All the <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ used in the plays can be hired from the theatre, including old furniture, stuffed animals and fake food. The National has had six artistic <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_, including one of Britain's greatest ever actors, Laurence Olivier.