

Read the text and match the two parts of the sentences.



A VISIT TO THE THEATRE IN SHAKESPEARE'S TIME

Imagine that you live in the 16th century, Shakespeare's time, and you are going to the theatre. You set off at lunchtime. All plays take place during the day because there isn't electricity.

You are going to the **Globe Theatre**, which was built in 1599 by Shakespeare's playing company. When you arrive at the Globe Theatre you can see a flag flying from the roof which means that there is a performance today. People are crazy about the theatre, they want to see their favourite actors. About 21,000 Londoners go to the theatre every week.



The play begins at 2 o'clock and there is a loud shot to up hurry people.

You enter the round building and see the stage in front of you. There is no roof over the pit. The stage has two **trapdoors**. The trapdoor in the ceiling is called the '**Heaven**' and is painted with stars, a sun and a moon. The trapdoor in the floor is called '**Hell**'.



At the back of the stage is the **musicians' gallery**. Musicians with trumpets, drums and other instruments play tunes and make sound effects.

You can see different types of people.

At the top of the building there are **galleries** where rich people sit. They paid for their seats.



Finally the lower class citizens, or servants and apprentices, are standing in front of the stage and are known as '**groundlings**.' It's not always fun for the people standing there because sometimes a play can last four hours!

Now the play starts. Don't be surprised when the actors playing the female parts are not women. Young men play women parts. Women are not allowed to act because it is considered shameless and unladylike.



The audience makes a lot of noise during performances cheering, hissing, clapping, booing and crying. When people don't like the play they throw things at the actors. Sometimes Queen Elizabeth comes to the "Globe" to see a play.

So, sit down and enjoy the show, but remember to keep a lookout for pickpockets as they also have a good time at the theatre!



Match:

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| 1. The Globe was built | over the pit. |
| 2. Shakespeare lived | a round building. |
| 3. The plays were performed | called the Groundlings. |
| 4. People were crazy | galleries. |
| 5. The Globe Theatre was | act. |
| 6. There was no roof | very noisy. |
| 7. The trapdoor in the ceiling was called | during the day. |
| 8. The trapdoor in the floor is called | Hell. |
| 9. Musicians made | in 1599. |
| 10. The people standing in front of the stage were | Heaven. |
| 11. Rich people sat down in the | about the theatre. |
| 12. Women couldn't | in the sixteenth century. |
| 13. The audience was | sound effects. |