

D Choose the correct word or phrase from the pair in brackets to complete each sentence.

- 1 The actors have been _____ the play all this week. (rehearsing/repeating)
- 2 The audience applauded wildly when the director appeared on the _____ to take his bow. (scene/stage)
- 3 I've been watching a fascinating new _____ of art programmes. (serie/series)
- 4 Although the play has a large number of _____, it is comparatively easy to follow the plot. (characters/persons)
- 5 If you don't like that programme, you can always switch over to a different _____. (channel/canal)
- 6 The latest television dramatisation was filmed entirely _____ in a country village not far from here. (in the wild/on location)
- 7 Which _____ did Marlene Dietrich play in her last film? (role/performance)
- 8 There's a wonderful _____ of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in *The Evening Herald*. (critic/review)

E Complete the sentences with these words and phrases.

standing ovation soap opera supporting roles low-budget
prime-time box-office success subtitles final curtain

- 1 Despite being a critical disaster, the film was a huge _____.
- 2 The orchestra and their conductor were given a _____ at the end of the concert.
- 3 People who are addicted to a particular _____ seldom miss an episode.
- 4 It wasn't until the _____ fell that the audience voiced their disapproval by hissing and booing.
- 5 At the local arts cinema, foreign films are usually shown with _____, and only occasionally dubbed.
- 6 Compared with most American blockbusters, it was a _____ film, as very little funding was available.
- 7 Programmes on _____ television attract the greatest number of viewers.
- 8 Although the lead actor and actress were excellent, the _____ were very well acted too.

F Answer these questions as fully as you can, in conversation or in writing.

- 1 Which medium do you find
a) most informative? b) most sensational? c) most biased?
- 2 How can we avoid being brainwashed by prejudiced views or propaganda?
- 3 Is there a gap in the media market? What kind of new magazine, newspaper, TV or radio programme would you launch if you had adequate funds and a creative team behind you?
- 4 How important is the image or presentation of an organisation or public figure? Is employing a public relations firm a good way of improving this?