



WRITTEN COMPREHENSION

READING IN LOVE WITH MUSICAL THEATRE



You can do many things to have a good time, for instance do sports, go camping, watch a movie, play videogames, and so on. Today we are going to talk about musical theatre. Musical theatre is not a thing of Broadway or the West End in New York and London respectively. In the centre of many cities of Spain there are also different theatres. Currently, in Madrid you can see *The Lion King The Musical*.

Everybody knows what the *Lion King* story is about but if you want to know further, there is a short video of the *Lion King The Musical* on Youtube. In this promo video you can see the characters performing on stage at the Lope de Vega Theatre in Madrid. The performers are not just singing; they are acting, dancing, and even doing acrobatics. You can also see the masks and costumes that they wear and the marionettes and puppets they use. Some of these puppets are really big, like the one of an elephant, or the one of a giraffe.

There are other famous musicals in Spain right now. For example, *Matilda The Musical* based on the book *Matilda* written by Roald Dahl. In this musical there are a lot of children acting on stage. Another one, also based on a book by Dahl, is *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*. You probably remember the film with actor Johnny Depp as *Willy Monka*. One musical wholly created in Spain is *The Neverending Story*. It is also based on a book of the same name by famous writer Michael Ende. In all these productions kids are the main actors.

In conclusion, musical theatre is becoming an important choice of leisure.

READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.

- 1) The main theme of the text is...
a) go camping b) cinema c) musical theatre d) blog writing

- 2) According to the text, one of the things you can do in your free time is...
a) having a party b) shopping c) playing videogames d) reading books

- 3) How many musicals does the text mention?
a) Three b) Four c) Six d) Two

- 4) The correct title for this text would be...
a) A Blog About Entertainment
b) You Can't Sing and Dance
c) Musical Theatre in Spain
d) Roald Dahl's Adaptations

- 5) All the musicals in the text have in common that they...
a) are all based on a book by Roald Dahl.
b) were all completely created in Spain.
c) all have the same protagonist.
d) all have children acting on stage.

6) Match the question (1, 2, 3, 4) with the correct answer (A, B, C, D).

1. He won a school prize on his marks in Maths.	A. centre
2. There was a large table in the of the room.	B. requirements
3. We watched three street..... who were juggling balls.	C. based
4. The to participate in the race: you must be 12 years old, and you have to bring your own bicycle.	D. performers

7) The West End is located in ...

a) New York b) Spain c) London d) Boston

8) Select two things you can see in the promo video.

a) Marionettes and puppets.
b) Comedians telling jokes.
c) Performers acting, dancing and singing.
d) The audience doing acrobatics.

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