

Midterm exam 2024 - Reading comprehension - 3rd Adolescents

Street theatre

Have you seen street theatre in your town? Street theatre is when entertainers do activities, usually in crowded places, for people to watch. These entertainers often play instruments and sing, but they sometimes do more unusual things like eating fire or riding a bicycle with one wheel.

Robbie does street theatre in London. He started dancing 10 years ago, but started doing street theatre two years ago. He says, 'When I was younger, singing and dancing were my hobbies, so now I do both!' He doesn't feel anxious when he does street theatre. 'The people watching are like friends – they're nice and want to enjoy it.'

People often give money to street entertainers like Robbie. He usually uses a hat to collect it, but now he's using a box because he lost the hat. He is saving the money to go travelling. 'I'm in college now. I want to go to Europe when I'm older, but I'm going to South America next year. I'm visiting Rio de Janeiro because it has lots of street theatre and I want to learn from those entertainers.'

After travelling, Robbie wants to be an actor. He says, 'My dream is to work in a theatre and street theatre is good practice because you need to be comfortable in front of new people.'

His advice if you want to be able to do street theatre is: 'Think of something different to do, so people walking past are interested. And then just practise, practise, practise!'

1. Read the text quickly and then choose the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence. (10 points)

- a. The text is probably from ***an advert / an online magazine / a business report.***
- b. The text is for ***teenagers / parents / tourists.***
- c. The text ***describes someone / gives information / describes an opinion.***
- d. The text is for people who ***plan to travel / enjoy unusual activities / are students.***
- e. The text is ***positive / negative / uncertain.***

2. Read the text. For each question, choose the correct answer. (10 points)

1. What does the text say about street entertainers?

- A** They do activities for large groups of people.
 - B** They sing while they ride a bike.
 - C** They are not like most other people.
2. What does Robbie say about street theatre?
- A** He has done it since he was a child.
 - B** He thinks people like his show.
 - C** He no longer performs magic tricks.
3. Why does Robbie want to travel abroad?
- A** So that he can meet other street performers.
 - B** Because he doesn't earn enough money in London.
 - C** In order to complete his studies.
4. Why is street theatre good for Robbie?
- A** He thinks it's better than working in a theatre.
 - B** He feels more comfortable than when he's travelling.
 - C** He thinks it's useful practice for the job he wants.
5. What advice does Robbie give to street entertainers?
- A** They should practise in front of big crowds.
 - B** They should do something a bit unusual.
 - C** They must be different to other people.