

ENTERTAINMENT

Task 1. Fill in the blanks. The first letter of each missing word has been given.

Daniel Day-Lewis is a great actor – he has p _____ both in films and on the s _____.

One of his finest r _____ was in *The Last of the Mohicans*. His mother was the actress Jill Balcon and his father was the famous writer, Cecil Day-Lewis, who published several volumes of p _____.

Cecil Day-Lewis was also a lecturer at Cambridge University. Some of his l _____ to undergraduates were published and broadcast by the BBC. He was Professor of Poetry at Oxford and he also published detective n _____ under a pseudonym.

Task 2. Decide if the words below refer to literature (L), music (M), theatre (T), cinema (C) or art (A). sometimes there are more answers than one.

sculpture	short story	sound-track	audience
biography	cast	orchestra	chapter
premiere	drama	exhibition	subtitles
thriller	western	script	screenplay
rehearsal	musical	horror	brush
costume	act	scenery	first night
illustration	programme	watercolour	comedy
stage	picture	landscape	set
matinee	volume	CD	lighting
play	novel	screen	poetry
pop concert	auditorium	trailer	character
canvas	edition	musician	tragedy
singer	performance	magazine	role
love story	science fiction	plot	encore
microphone	scene	opera	

Task 3. Complete the gaps in the following sentences with an appropriate form of a word from the previous exercise.

1 The director got very angry when the actor failed to turn up to _____.

2 The _____ for this film was written by a famous novelist.

3 The _____ applauded at the end of the performance.

4 Everyone in the _____ was very good apart from the leading lady.

5 The first _____ of a book is often worth more if it is signed by the author.

6 The _____ of the film includes some great songs.

7 The whole play was performed in seventeenth century _____.

8 I last went to a rock _____ to see the Rolling Stones.

9 Is this your first _____ of poetry?

10 Children's books appeal to children if they have attractive _____.

Task 4. Complete the following text with words connected with the theatre. The first letter of each missing word has been given.

The most difficult role

They say Harriet is the most difficult role for an actor to play and one of the most difficult

(1) p_____ to direct. Lawrence Olivier gave one of the best (2) p_____ of his career as Hamlet. There are always several performances of Hamlet being (3) p_____ on all over the world at any one time. The irony is that although we know more about Hamlet than almost any other (4) c_____ in literature, we hardly know anything about the (5) a_____ of the play, William Shakespeare.

Task 5. Collocations. List any word or phrase which matches with each verb below.

Example: put on a play, a performance, ...

a difficult part	a performance	a show	Hamlet	a horror movie
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a review	a play	a film	a symphony	
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the leading role	a video	a production		a new edition
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a CD	the scene	the story	a new book	
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a recital	a piece of music		a concert	
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act in _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

direct _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

produce _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

appear in _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

get _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

publish _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

set _____

broadcast _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

give _____, _____, _____

put on _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

watch _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____

compose _____, _____

play _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

review _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

write _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____

see _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____

Task 6. Complete the sentences with an appropriate word or words from **Task 5**.

1 The story is _____ in 19th-century France.

2 The play got really fantastic _____ from the critics.

3 Harrison Ford has already _____ several award-winning films.

4 Who plays the _____ of the monster in the film?

5 His Othello was one of the worst _____ of his career. It was awful.

6 The play was first _____ on television.

7 The play was directed by Spielberg and _____ by Paramount Pictures.

8 Who _____ the music for the film *Titanic*?

9 Her first novel was _____ by Penguin Books.

10 Let's stay in and _____ a film on TV tonight.

Task 7. Complete the table.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
narrate	(1) _____ / narration / narrative	narrative
inspire	inspiration	inspired/ (2) _____ inspirational
(3) _____	orchestra / orchestration	orchestral
depict	(4) _____	-

broadcast	broadcast / (5) _____ broadcasting	-
rehearse	(6) _____	rehearsed
authenticate	authenticity/ authentication	(7) _____
adapt	(8) adaptation	adaptable

Task 8. Complete the sentences with words from **task 7.**

- 1 My favourite show is _____ every Sunday evening at nine o'clock - my family and I never miss it!
- 2 There are a variety of films based on comic book heroes, however in my opinion, the plot in the _____ is never as strong as the original one in the book.
- 3 During the awards ceremony, most winners usually thank family members and those who have been a(n) _____ to them during their lives.
- 4 The painter Degas is famous for his _____ of ballet dancers in nineteenth century France.
- 5 The novel features not one but four different _____, each of whom tells the story from his or her own point of view.
- 6 The work was originally written for piano, but a later composer created a(n) _____ version featuring strings, woodwind and percussion.
- 7 The forensic art expert used a fingerprint found on the canvas to _____ a 'lost' work by Leonardo da Vinci.
- 8 Candidates are advised not to give a _____ speech - something spontaneous is more likely to impress the interviewers.

Task 9. Read the book review and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. *There is an example at the beginning (0).*

The Book of Negroes: A review

(0) C looking for a page-turning read this summer, go out and grab yourself a copy of *The Book of Negroes*, a literary (1) _____ by the award-winning Canadian writer Lawrence Hill. Definitely not one of those cliched and, in my opinion, rather (2) _____ 'beach reads', this exquisitely written novel, weighing in at nearly 500 pages, will have you on the edge of your beach towel or lounger until the very end.

The title for the novel - at least the title it was published under in Hill's native land - (3) _____ from a historical document of the same name kept by British naval officers as the American Revolutionary War began to wind down. This official paper documents the 3,000 black people who, having served the King during the war, were fleeing Manhattan, New York, for Canada in 1783. If there was no record of you in *The Book of Negroes*, you (4) _____ escape to Canada.

In *The Book of Negroes*, Hill's main protagonist, Aminata Diallo, is an African woman (5) _____ story is based on this history and her endeavours to get her name into the British naval officers' book. When Aminata, the daughter of a jeweller and a midwife, is only eleven years old, she, along with a handful of her fellow villagers, is kidnapped from her village - Bayo, Niger in West Africa - and forced to walk for three

months to the sea. Even before she is placed on the ship bound for a country (6) _____ she will be sold into (7) _____, she vows that one day she will return to the land of her (8) _____. If you want to know if she keeps this promise to herself, you'll have to read the book for yourself!

0 A Could you be	B You could be	C Should you be	D You should be
1 A sketch	B masterpiece	C palette	D anthem
2 A worthless	B priceless	C lucrative	D indispensable
3 A derives	B establishes	C erupts	D originates
4 A couldn't	B mustn't	C didn't need to	D can't
5 A that	B on whose	C from which	D whose
6 A where	B when	C that	D who
7 A feudalism	B colonialism	C nomadism	D slavery
8 A descendants	B gypsies	C ancestors	D fragments

Task 10. Read the text and use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. *There is an example at the beginning (0).*

And as the curtain rises ...

'All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players' - if you didn't already know, those famous words were written by the (0) artistic genius, William Shakespeare, and they come from the classic comedy *As You Like It*. Widely believed to be the best (1) _____ of all time, Shakespeare is responsible for an immense body of work and his choice of (2) _____ topics are enthralling and eclectic. Clichéd though it may sound, Shakespeare's 'portfolio' has something for everyone. For those who enjoy (3) _____ historical dramas, Henry VIII - based on the infamous British Tudor monarch himself - is just the thing. And for those who are the more romantic type, there cannot be anything more (4) _____ than the doomed, but wonderfully (5) _____ lovers in *Romeo and Juliet*. Sometimes using characters based on actual historical figures and sometimes using (6) _____ characters made up in his fertile and vivid imagination, The Bard, as he is often called, has been entertaining audiences with his staged (7) _____ of human life and struggles for centuries. Often accompanied by the (8) _____ strains of a group of talented musicians, William Shakespeare's players began delighting theatre-goers way back in 16th-century England, and, never outdated or irrelevant, his plays continue to do so with modern audiences today.