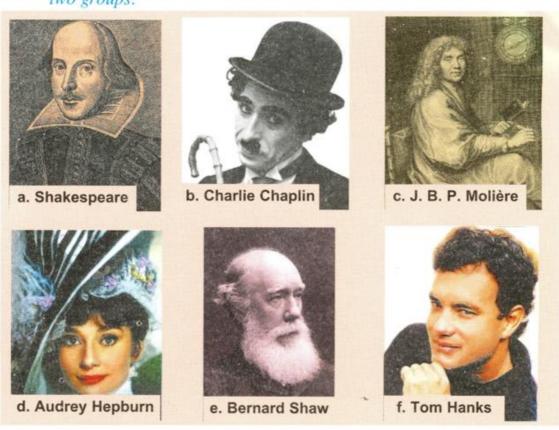


Theater and Movies



Before You Read

a) Work with a partner to put the names of the people in the pictures into two groups.



Playwrights	Actors / Actresses

b) List several well-known works written by one of the playwrights above.

Reading Text

Read the following text and do the tasks that follow.

THE APPEAL OF THE THEATER

The sources of the theater's appeal are many. Let us suggest four.

First, the theater offers an effective means of telling a story. In very early times, people around the fire were entertained by storytellers with stories of heroes' wonderful actions and victories. Likewise, in the theater, we enjoy a dramatic contest between two opposing sides. We become involved with the people in the story, and we are concerned about the outcome.

Second, the audience finds pleasure in the skill of execution - the art of creating a work of art. Theatergoers get pleasure from the good job of various artistic and technical people. They may be amazed at the painter's brushwork. the musician's control of a voice or instrument, the dancer's use of space, and, the director's all. above management of the creative aspects of the play.

A third satisfaction of the theater is the opportunity for us to gain fresh perceptions. It was suggested by Aristotle – an ancient Greek thinker – that humankind's greatest pleasure is in learning. The theater is an excellent way to extend ourselves beyond the narrow circle of everyday life. It gets us acquainted with people and cultures quite foreign to us. Hence, the theater gives extraordinary opportunities for deeper and sharper experiences.

Finally, the dramatic experience can also be a spiritual one. As was suggested by Aristotle, comedy may show us to be worse than we are, but tragedy shows us to be better. Great works of drama have great characters exploring the great issues. In them humans are tested, and, although their bodies may be broken, their spirit wins.

a) Answer the following questions.

- 1. What are the causes of the appeal of the theater?
- 2. Did ancient people use to enjoy hearing stories?
- 3. What did Aristotle think the greatest pleasure of human beings is in?
- 4. In what way is the theater an excellent way to extend people beyond the narrow circle of everyday life?
- 5. What about the theater may be amazing to theatergoers?
- 6. What, according to Aristotle, is the difference between tragedy and

b)

	comedy?	
CI	hoose the best meaning(s) of the und	lerlined word(s).
1.	The sources of the theater's appeal	are many.
	A. beginnings	B. causes
	C. resources	D. references
2.	storytellers have entertained their	r audience around the fire
	A. amused	B. made fun of
	C. laughed with	D. entered the theater
3.	the art of creating a work of art	
	A. labor	B. exercise
	C. doing	D. production
4.	Theatergoers get pleasure from the director's management of the creative <u>aspects</u> of the play. (Choose 2 answers.)	
	A. parts	B. stories
	C. effects	D. sides
5.	gives extraordinary opportunities	s for deeper and sharper
	A. uncommon	B. unusual
	C. great	D. odd
6.	Great works of drama have great issues.	characters exploring the great
	A. personalities	B. mankind
	C. persons/animals in a play	D. letters and symbols

the <u>dramatic</u> experience	e can also be a spiritual one.
A. sudden	B. exciting and impressive
C. exaggerated	D. connected with the play
c) Fill in the blanks with inform	nation from the passage.
	agraph tells us the number of reasons for some so appealing (Write the
2. Theatergoers will usual	ly be concerned with the outcome of
3. "Execution," in this passa	ge, is the art of
4. Aristotle came from	(Write down the name of country.)
5. What does their in "a (paragraph 5) refer to?	ulthough <u>their</u> bodies may be broken"
6. In "Let us suggest four" (paragraph 1), us refers to
d) Tell your partner about the b	pest play you have seen recently.
LISTENING	
a) Work in pairs to discuss the	following questions.
1. Do the theater and the mot	tion picture have a more promising future?
	nger history than the motion picture or vice hink the history of the motion picture is?
b) Listen to this passage about A	American motion picture and check (✓) the
time expressions mentioned	
1. 1861 2. 1903	3. 1915 4. 1920
5. 1927 6. 1933	7. 1935 8. 1945
9. 1950 🔲 10. 1960s	11. 1970s 12. 1980s 1

c) Now listen again to complete these gapped sentences with movie titles.	the correct
1. The first major American movie was	
A. The Great Train Robbery	
B. The Great Rain Robbery	
C. The Great Rain Raspberry	
2 was a movie about the Civil War by D.	W. Griffith.
A. The Bird of a Nation	
B. The Birth of a Nation	
C. The Birthday of a Nation	
 Warner Brothers released, its first talking the late 1920s. 	g picture, in
A. The Charged Singer	
B. The Messy Singer	
C. The Jazz Singer	
4. The three-color system was first used in the 1935 in	n the movie
A. Becky Sharp	
B. Becky Shark	
C. Baggy Sharp	
d) The following statements can be true (T) or false (F). Liste check (✓) the appropriate boxes. Then correct the false states	
1. The history of the American movie industry is now	
more than a century long. 2. Edwin S. Porter, who made the first major American	
Edwin S. Porter, who made the first major American movie, was born in 1903.	
3. <i>The Birth of a Nation</i> marked the growth of American motion picture.	
4. The first three-color movie had been made by 1933.	
5. Movies produced before 1926 were all silent – without sound.	

 It took American motion picture about ten years (1960-1970) to develop advanced movies techniques. 			
 Woody Allen and Steven Spielberg are excellent moviemakers. 			
The two decades 1960s and 1970s are important landmarks of the American movie history.			
e) Listen for the last time and fill in the gaps with the correct	t word	ls.	
 The Kinematoscope was the machine that sent onto a screen. 		rapidly	Į
By, motion picture had really become an ar United States of America.	t form	in the	3
 In 1926, the Warner Brothers studio introduced the recording musical and passages on large of 		cess o	f
During the 1960s and 1970s, the American motion pictorise of a new generation of moviemaker		w the	
With Hollywood, the American movie become the leading power worldwide.	indus	try has	S
f) List several movies that you love or have watched recently			
SPEAKING			
Expressing Preferences			
 I think/ suppose it would be better for me/ us if 			
- I (would) prefer			
 My favorite movie/ music is 			
- I like better than			
a) In pairs, ask and answer the following questions.			
1. Do you like watching movies? How often do you go to	the m	ovies?	,
2. What type(s) of movies do you prefer to watch?			

b) Work in pairs to express your movie preferences. The prompts in the box will help you.

Cartoons

- helping children stretch their imaginations of the world
- memorable moral lessons
- sometimes enjoyable even to adults: to see the world from a different view: with a child's innocent eye
- suitable for children only, not interesting to adults or high school students
- not describing life as it is
- presenting the world in an "unusual" way

Love Movies

- very interesting for almost any generation: youth, middle age, and even old age
- as for unmarried people: a good preparation for / lesson of love; as for the married: to review the "unforgettable days"
- beautiful actors/ actresses,
 beautiful scenes
- thoughtful and thoughtprovoking

- not all love movies good for young students
- sex scenes
- some behavior: misleading
- usually too long, taking up too much time

Action Movies

- easy to understand
- real entertainment: very thrilling, energizing
- loved by most young people
- too much violence
- exaggerating, simplistic lessons
- soon forgotten

Example

Alice: Why are you changing the channel?

Tom: I prefer to watch movies. Casablanca is coming soon.

Alice: So, you're waiting for a love movie. Hm...hm...

Tom: So? What's wrong with that? It is one of my favorite

movies.

Alice: I don't think it's good for students like us to see love

movies.

Tom: Why not?

Alice: Love movies are for adults. Sex scenes are not really

good for young students like us.

Tom: Not all love movies have sex scenes, and not all those

scenes are bad. Love movies are life after all. It would be better for us to select the right movies to watch than

to avoid them all.



- a) Work in pairs to tell each other about the movie you love the most.
- b) Read this sample paragraph about the movie Forrest Gump.

Forrest Gump

Forrest Gump, directed by Robert Zemeckis, released in 1994, is a comedy movie that won several Oscars including Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Director. This excellent and thought-provoking movie is about a man named Forrest from Alabama, played by Tom Hanks. Forrest is a mentally slow man with an IQ of only 75 but he is sweet, simple, and straightforward, and he loves his mother very much. He becomes successful because he always speaks the truth. Forrest Gump was particularly popular (earning a huge amount of \$330 million) because it showed that honesty and a simple life can bring happiness and other rewards.

c) Now write a paragraph about the movie Rain Man. The outline given below will give you an idea how the paragraph should be organized.

1. Background information: movie title, director, release date, movie type, award(s)	 1988, four Oscars: Best Picture, Best Actor (Dustin Hoffman), Best Director (Barry Levinson), Best Writing, Original Screenplay (Ronald Bass, Barry Morrow) a very moving feature movie about the relationship between two brothers
2. Story summary: who, what, where, when, how, why	 younger brother Charlie does not really love or respect his older brother Raymond – suffering from serious mental condition, unable to communicate properly Raymond's innocence and seemingly stupid behavior gradually transform Charlie Charlie realizes: brotherhood: invaluable and his brother: irreplaceable to him
3. Significance of the movie	 widely loved, listed among "All-Time Top 50 American Movies Through 1995," restates: the good always there in the human



Word Study

Adjectives of Attitudes

heart

Examples

- The audience may be amazed at the painter's brushwork, the musician's control of a voice or instrument, the dancer's use of space, etc.
- People of almost all ages are *enthusiastic* about seeing love movies.

Now use the words given in parentheses to form appropriate adjectives to fill in the gaps. The first question has been answered as an example.

1.	Parents should always be <u>concerned</u> about the movies their children watch. (concern)
2.	I never watch horror movies because of their scenes. (fright)
3.	The children became about the cartoon. (excite)
4.	The teacher was very much about our terrible acting. (annoy)
5.	To tell the truth, we can't wait to read his stories. (drama)
6.	We all find his singing quite (wonder)
7.	We all felt the excitement about the stunt men's performance. (breath)
8.	It'll be widely recognized as the most live show. (impress)
9.	There is little doubt that his plays are (origin)
	This card is to send to someone very from
11.	Is it news to be awarded a Golden Raspberry? (delight)
	The Oscar winner said he felt of his mother's support. (appreciate; value)

Grammar

Articles a / an / the



- In the theater, we enjoy a dramatic contest between two opposing sides.
- It was suggested by Aristotle an ancient thinker that humankind's greatest pleasure is in learning.
- A third satisfaction of the theater is the opportunity for us to gain fresh perceptions.

Fill in the gaps with a(n), the, or zero article. The first one has been done for you.

1.	Tom Hanks is <u>an</u> American motion-picture actor, well-known for both his comic and dramatic performances.
2.	We were not surprised at amount of money collected at the concert for the flood-hit areas.
3.	not live to eat. – It was Molière, wasn't it?
4.	Who's that on piano?
5.	"Do you know much about eighteenth-century literature?" – "The literature of eighteenth century? Sorry, I know nothing about it."
6.	"Life is like box of chocolates. You never know what you gonna get." (Forrest Gump)
7.	Titanic was given the Academy Award for Best Picture in 1997.
8.	"The prejudice surrounding AIDS exacts social death which precedes the actual physical one." (Philadelphia)
9.	People just leave the problems of home merely to encounter them at the theater or movies!
10.	The television documentary has been given fourth prestigious award so far.