

Cultural events and shows



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What was the last show you went to see? Did you enjoy it?

1



an art exhibition

2



a circus

3



a classical concert

4



an open-air theatre

5



a piano recital

6



a comedy club

7



a circus

8



a musical

What cultural events and shows do you know?

a comedy club

an event at which objects such as paintings are shown to the public

a musical

a performance of music by one or more musicians or singers

an art exhibition

an entertainment programme where a performer makes us all believe there is something wonderful in our own world

an open-air theatre

outside structure with rows of seats, each row usually higher than the one in front, from which people can watch a performance

a classical concert

a performance of piano music usually given by one person or a small group of people

a circus

a play in which part of the story is sung to music

a piano recital

a performance that is intentionally funny either in its characters or its action

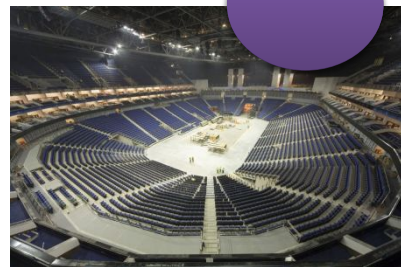
a magic show

a group of travelling performers including acrobats or those who work with trained animals, or a performance by such people usually in a large tent

1 Complete the sentences with the words below.

~~arena~~ ~~art gallery~~ ~~circus~~ ~~comedy club~~ ~~concert hall~~
~~library~~ ~~opera house~~ ~~museum~~ ~~theatre~~

- 1 We saw an amazing collection of Ancient Egyptian jewellery at the **concert hall**.
- 2 I enjoy watching acrobats at the **circus**, but I don't think they should use animals.
- 3 On Thursday evenings at my local **comedy club**, anyone can have a go at being a comedian.
- 4 I went to see Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at the Met, a world-famous **museum** in New York.
- 5 Some of these Impressionist paintings are privately owned and have never been seen in any **art gallery**.
- 6 The Globe is a **theatre** in London where Shakespeare's plays are performed.
- 7 While we were in Vienna, we went to a **opera house** to hear a Beethoven piano recital.
- 8 At the O2 **arena** in London, up to twenty thousand people can watch some of the biggest acts in music.
- 9 The British **library** holds around 170 million books and other items for students and researchers to access.



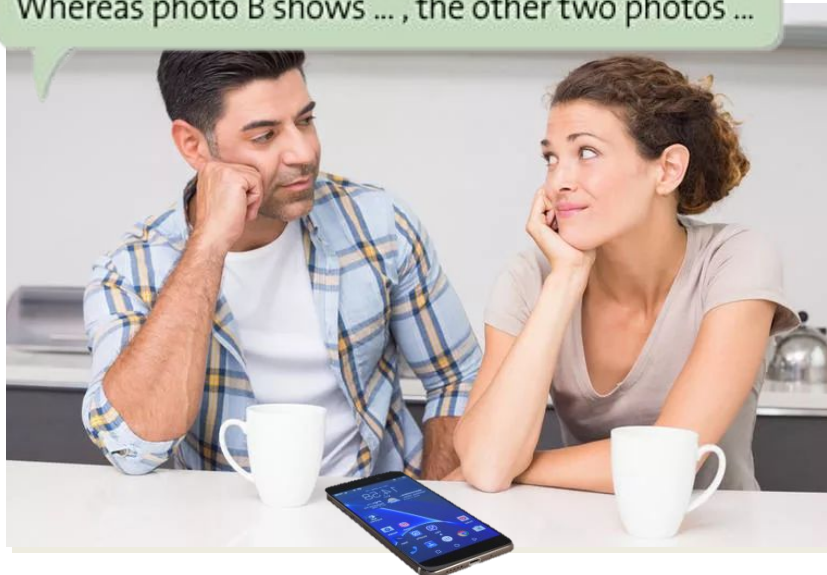
2 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Compare and contrast photos A–C from exercise 1.

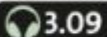
You are staying with your English penfriend and want to take the family out one evening to say thank you. You and your penfriend should decide which show is most suitable and talk about the details of the outing.

All three photos show ...

Unlike the other two photos, in photo C you can see ...

Whereas photo B shows ... , the other two photos ...



3  3.09 Read the task above. Then listen to a student doing the task. Which show does the student choose? Which of the details below does she also mention?

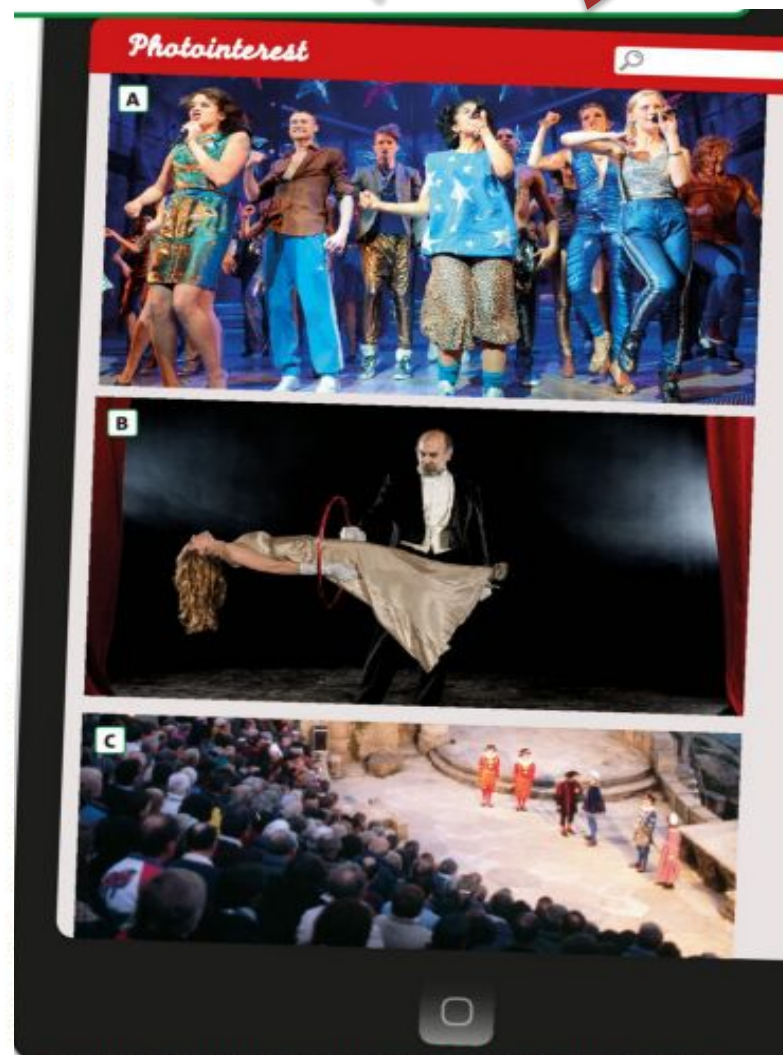
- When to go on the outing.
- How to book tickets.
- Who will pay for the tickets.
- Travelling to the show.
- What to eat and drink.

To be honest, ...

So which of these shows do you think is most suitable?



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Speaking Strategy 1

Try to use a variety of expressions instead of repeating the same common verbs too often. For example, make sure you know several different ways of saying 'I like' / 'I don't like'.

- 4 **KEY PHRASES** Read **Speaking Strategy 1**. Then look at the phrases for expressing preferences. Tick the expression you think is strongest in each group.

Like

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm a big fan of ... | <input type="checkbox"/> I absolutely love ... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm quite into ... | <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy ... very much. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm really keen on ... | |

Dislike


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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ... is not really my thing. | <input type="checkbox"/> I really can't stand ... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not really into ... | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not a big fan of ... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ... doesn't do anything for me. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I've never been that keen on ... | |

Write sentences about different types of cultural events or shows.
E.g. *I'm a big fan of musicals.*
I'm really into magic shows.

Speaking Strategy 2

We often use one of the phrases below to introduce a preference, particularly when it is negative.

*I'm afraid ... I must say ... To be honest, ... To be frank, ...
If I'm honest, ... To be blunt, ... Personally, ...*

- 5  **3.09** **KEY PHRASES** Read **Speaking Strategy 2**. Then listen again. Which phrases from exercise 4 do you hear? Which ones are introduced by a phrase from the strategy?



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Speaking Strategy 1

Try to use a variety of expressions instead of repeating the same common verbs too often. For example, make sure you know several different ways of saying 'I like' / 'I don't like'.

- 3 Read Speaking Strategy 1. Then complete the phrases with the words below.

absolutely do fan keen much quite stand thing

- 1 I'm (not) a big **fan** of ...
- 2 I'm **quite** into ... / I'm not really into ...
- 3 I'm really / I've never been that **keen** on ...
- 4 I **absolutely** love ...
- 5 I really can't **stand** ...
- 6 I enjoy ... very **much** .
- 7 ... is not really my **thing** .
- 8 ... doesn't **do** anything for me.



- 4 Read Speaking Strategy 2. Complete the phrases with the words below.

afraid be frank I'm say

Speaking Strategy 2

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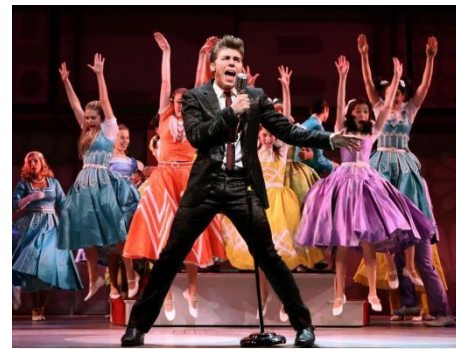
- I'm ¹ **afraid** ... I must ² **say** ...
- To be ³ **frank** ... If ⁴ **I'm** honest, ...
- To ⁵ **be** blunt, ... Personally, ...



6 **SPEAKING** Work in pairs. Find out your partner's preferences for the shows in exercise 1 and other types of shows you can think of. Use phrases from exercise 4 and **Speaking Strategy 2** in your answers.

What do you think of art exhibitions?

I absolutely love them. / To be blunt, I'm not really into them.



1 SPEAKING Work in pairs. Do the task below, using phrases from lesson 7G to help you.

Your English penfriend is staying with you. Your parents have offered to buy you and your penfriend tickets to one of the events in the photos below. You and your penfriend should decide which event is most suitable and talk about the details of the outing. Use the ideas below to help you:

- when to go
- travelling to the show
- how to book tickets
- what to eat and drink

