

## Word on the Street

### London's TheatreLand

#### Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

#### Activity 1

Watch the video. Choose the correct answer to complete each sentence.

1. The musical *Mamma Mia!* is
  - a) a love story.
  - b) a story about the Mafia.
2. Craig Fletcher is
  - a) the director of *Mamma Mia!*.
  - b) an actor in *Mamma Mia!*.
3. Clare Whitfield's job is to take care of
  - a) people (e.g. actors and dancers).
  - b) things (e.g. the set and furniture).
4. A prop is
  - a) an everyday object which an actor uses in a play.
  - b) somebody who helps actors put on their costumes.

#### Activity 2

Watch the video again. Complete the sentences with the correct information.

1. In London's West End, there are more than \_\_\_\_\_ theatres.
2. The Prince of Wales Theatre has been showing *Mamma Mia!* since \_\_\_\_\_.
3. *Mamma Mia!* is a love story set on an island in \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The music and songs were written by \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The character Sky is going to marry Sophie, who is Donna's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. At the end of the show, all the characters wear really colourful \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Clare started working on *Mamma Mia!* in \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Props used by the actors include: luggage, letters, a hairbrush, a \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Activity 3

Complete the sentences with the correct expressions with 'get'.

get a move on / get a sense of / getting (a bit) nervous / get dressed up in / get ready for / getting married to / getting a bit jealous

1. Come on Stephen, \_\_\_\_\_!
2. You can really \_\_\_\_\_ what history was like in a place like this.
3. All the greatest actors have played Shakespeare here. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ now.

4. You're so lucky. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ now!
5. This is the warm up, when the actors \_\_\_\_\_ the show.
6. I play Sky, who is \_\_\_\_\_ Sophie, who is Donna's daughter.
7. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ big, glittery, loud colour costumes.

#### Activity 4

Remember to record words and expressions in topic or meaning groups. Find five more words connected with the topic of theatre in the interview and add them to the list.

**Amandeep:** Craig, which character do you play?

**Craig:** I play Sky, who is getting married to Sophie, Donna's daughter.

**Amandeep:** Tell me about the costumes.

**Craig:** I'm mainly in a wetsuit or swimming trunks and everyone else is in normal clothes throughout, except right at the end, when we do the big finale, everyone gets

dressed up in big, glittery, loud colour costumes.

**Amandeep:** What's the best thing about working on *Mamma Mia!*?

**Craig:** The crew and cast are great. And the music's great.

Topic: **Theatre**

play, theatre, costume, actor, director, role, star, talent, ch\_\_\_\_\_, f\_\_\_\_\_, c\_\_\_\_\_, c\_\_\_\_\_, m\_\_\_\_\_

#### Discussion

- Do you know any ABBA songs?
- Have you seen the movie or stage version of *Mamma Mia!*?
- Are musicals popular in your country?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

## Answers

### Activity 1

1. a) a love story.
2. b) an actor in *Mamma Mia!*.
3. b) things (e.g. the set and furniture).
4. a) an everyday object which an actor uses in a play.

### Activity 2

1. In London's West End, there are more than 40/forty theatres.
2. The Prince of Wales Theatre has been showing *Mamma Mia!* since 2004.
3. *Mamma Mia!* is a love story set on an island in Greece.
4. The music and songs were written by Abba/ABBA .
5. The character Sky is going to marry Sophie, who is Donna's daughter.
6. At the end of the show, all the characters wear really colourful costumes.
7. Clare started working on *Mamma Mia!* in 1999.
8. Props used by the actors include: luggage, letters, a hairbrush, a diary.

### Activity 3

1. Come on Stephen, get a move on!
2. You can really get a sense of what history was like in a place like this.
3. All the greatest actors have played Shakespeare here. I'm getting (a bit) nervous now.
4. You're so lucky. I'm getting a bit jealous now!
5. This is the warm up, when the actors get ready for the show.
6. I play Sky, who is getting married to Sophie, who is Donna's daughter.
7. Everyone gets dressed up in big, glittery, loud colour costumes.

### Activity 4

play, theatre, costume, actor, director, role, star, talent, character, finale, cast/crew, crew/cast, music