Open Mind
Pre-intermediate

CLASS VIDEO WORKSHEET

Unit 2 Culture vulture

Before you watch

1 Tick the performances you would like to see at an arts festival.

1 a comedy show ☐
2 a play at the theatre ☐
3 a classical music concert ☐
4 a ballet ☐
5 a jazz concert ☐
6 a clown doing an outdoor show ☐
7 an opera ☐

2 Compare your answers to Ex. 1 in pairs. Tell your partner why you would or wouldn't like to see each performance, using the adjectives from the box.

brilliant dull fascinating great hilarious incredible
interesting ridiculous rubbish strange weird

3 Watch the video. Which of the performances from Ex. 1 are mentioned?

_____ _____
_____ _____

While you watch

1 Match the performances from the box to the opinions below. Then watch again and check your answers.

a ballet a clown doing an outdoor show a comedy show
the musical Bugsy Malone physical theatre a play

1 'He was really funny, everyone stopped to watch him.' _____
2 'It was a bit like dance but there wasn't as much music.' _____
3 'My girlfriend thinks he's hilarious.' _____
4 'It's been really popular.' _____
5 'The dancing was incredible.' _____
6 'There wasn't any action, just some people standing around talking.' _____

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2 Complete the sentences with *as … as* or the superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

1 The Edinburgh Fringe Festival is not _____ the Edinburgh International Festival. (*big*) **T / F**
2 The first speaker thought the ballet was not _____ he expected. (*boring*) **T / F**
3 The second speaker doesn't like the festival because the city is not _____ usual. (*quiet*) **T / F**
4 The third speaker thought the play was not _____ the review said. (*good*) **T / F**
5 The fourth speaker thinks the festival is _____ in the world. (*good*) **T / F**

3 Watch the video again. Are the sentences in Ex. 2 *T* (true) or *F* (false)?

After you watch

1 Choose the best adjective to complete the reviews.

1 This is a **fascinating** / **dull** show. I couldn't stop thinking about it afterwards.
2 No-one laughed. It wasn't very funny. In fact it was all rather **ridiculous** / **hilarious**.
3 That was probably the worst show I've ever seen – really **incredible** / **rubbish**.
4 The ballet was amazing – really **weird** / **brilliant**.
5 It was so **incredible** / **dull** I actually fell asleep.
6 It was probably too modern for me – lots of people in black, screaming. I just thought it was **weird** / **great**.

2 Complete the facts about the Edinburgh Fringe with the superlative form of the adjective in brackets.

1 The Edinburgh Fringe Festival is _____ arts festival in the world. (*big*)
2 Comedy is _____ type of performance, with 35% of the shows. (*popular*)
3 Because of the festival, August is _____ time of year for tourism in Edinburgh. (*busy*)
4 During August, Edinburgh is _____ city in Britain for a weekend break. (*expensive*)
5 However, it's also probably _____ place to visit, especially if you enjoy the arts. (*exciting*)

Over to you

Discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.

1 What is the best show you have seen? Was it music, theatre or comedy? Why did you like it?
2 Would you like to visit the Edinburgh Fringe Festival? Why or why not?

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