

THEATRE SLEUTHS QUIZ SHEET
THE ANSWERS

The quiz was won by Jo Welch with 15 correct answers

1. What is the main purpose of a 'Box Office' in a theatre?
To sell tickets for events and productions

2. What ancient language does the verb 'Audire' derive from? (Circle the correct answer)

Greek	Gaelic	<u>Latin</u>	Welsh
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3. How many ghosts does the Theatre Royal Winchester have?**4**.....

4. Why do some theatres close on Mondays?

a) To give staff a day off	b) So the ghosts can do their own productions	
c) Cleaning	d) Save money	e) Technical maintenance

5. According to Mr Titus, what is the definition of an audience?..
' The spectators at a performance'

6. Titus, Titania, Gertrude and Rosalind are all characters found in plays by which famous playwright?..***William Shakespeare.....***

In which of his plays do the following characters appear?
 Titania***Midsummer's Nights Dream***
 Rosalind ***As you Like it...***
 Gertrude..***Hamlet***
 Titus. ***Titus Andronicus***

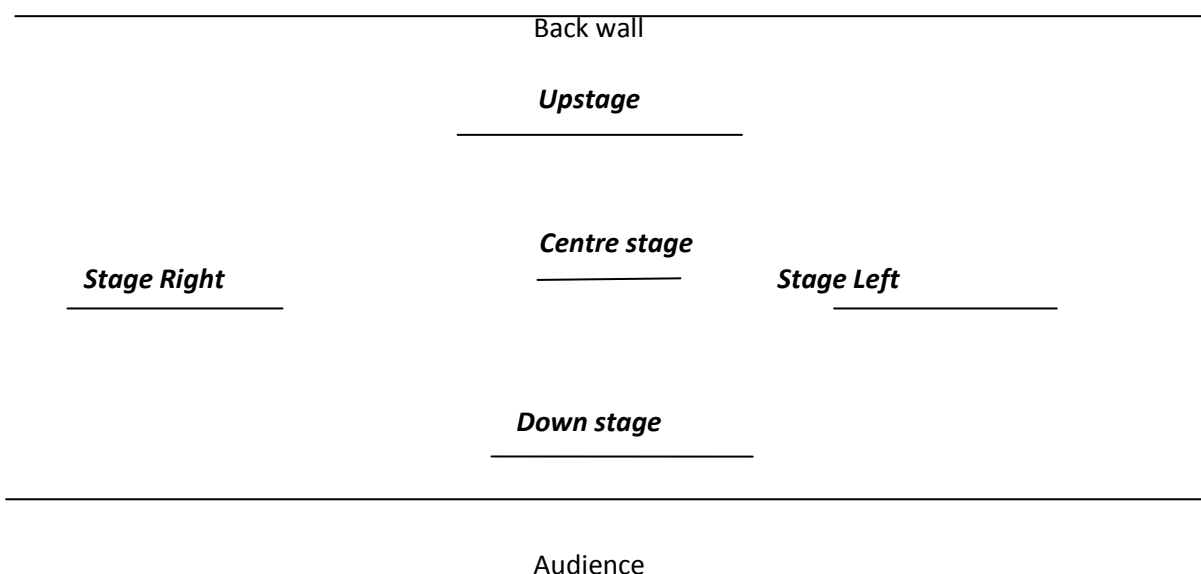
7. Why is whistling in the theatre considered bad luck? ***In the 17th century, whistling was the main form of communicating cues back stage. It was a way of signalling that was borrowed from the navy. If an actor whistled on stage , it could confuse stage hands and cause them to make mistakes such as bring down scenery too early or an incorrect entrance***

8. The theatre borrows a number of terms from which of the armed services?
Circle your answer

a) The British Army	b) The Royal Air Force	c) The Military Police
d) <u><i>The Royal Navy</i></u>	e) The Ghurkhas	

9. Which Shakespeare play is only referred to onstage as 'The Scottish Play'?..***Macbeth***.....

10. Label the diagram below using the correct stage terms:
stage right / upstage / stage left / down stage / centre stage



11. The prompt corner is always stage right or stage left? Circle the correct answer
12. Titus asks Rosa to stay 'in the limelight'. Where does the theatrical term 'limelight' come from? Circle the correct answer
- 'limes' is the slang for the chemicals used to create stage lighting before electricity.**
 - Lime juice was used to stain the stage floor to make it safe for dancers.
 - The director likes a slice of lime in his gin and tonic after a show.
13. The Proscenium arch was a key feature of theatre design in which ancient culture?
Ancient Greece
14. The origins of the term 'The Circle' can be traced back to which ancient form of entertainment?
- Bear baiting
 - Morris dancing
 - c) Circus
 - Pole dancing
15. Which play, that became a film, links the following: Sir Laurence Olivier, Michael Caine, Harold Pinter, Jude Law, Anthony Shaffer and Kenneth Branagh
The play was 'Sleuth' written by Anthony Shaffer in 1970. In 1972 it was made into a film starring Sir Laurence Olivier and Michael Caine. It was remade in 2007 and directed by Kenneth Branagh starring Michael Caine (in the Olivier role) and Jude Law (in Michael Caine's original role!)

Good Luck and we hope you enjoyed 'Theatre Sleuths'

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