6 That’s entertainment

Vocabulary

Entertainment

1 Complete the words.

So Giovanna, why did you become a clown?

For the money! No seriously, I used to work as a (1) b___k___r, playing guitar in the street. I also did a little act as a (2) m___m___a___t___n___, you know, acting without words. One day a member of the (3) a___d___c___ told me that my act was really funny. He was a (4) m___g___i___n doing tricks and illusions in the local circus – and he got me the job.

What’s the best thing about being a clown?

Working with the other people. All the other circus (5) p___f___m___s are really nice people. And the (6) m___k___u___ artist who does my face makes me laugh so much before I go on stage. She could be a (7) s___d___u___ comedian if she wanted.

What’s the worst thing about being a clown?

People don’t take you seriously.

Where do you see your career going?

My dream is to be a (8) s___t___r in the movies. I am working on a story now about some wooden (9) p___pp___ts who come to life and run away from the circus. My boyfriend is a (10) s___n___e___g___ for TV here in Montevideo and he knows the right people, so maybe I can get a director or someone to read it.

Well, we wish you the best of luck, Giovanna!

2 a Find ten film and theatre words in the word search.

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b Match the words from 2a to the definitions.

1 Part of a film or TV show where all the action happens in one place, like a chapter in a book.

2 All the actors who are working on a play or a film.

3 The written words of a film or TV series that the actors must learn.

4 A role played by one actor in a film or TV series.

5 Amazing images or scenes in a film, made with computers or models, etc.

6 The story of a film, book or play.

7 All the music and songs in a film.

8 The place where the actors stand when they are acting in the theatre.

3 Circle the word that doesn’t work in each sentence.

1 I found this film really action-packed / memorable / moving, even though its plot is very simple.

2 We felt great after watching this film. It was really hilarious / depressing / uplifting.

3 This crime movie is really gripping / intriguing / predictable – you’ll never guess how it ends!

4 I didn’t enjoy the film at all. I thought it was unrealistic / hilarious / depressing.

5 The start of the film is really action-packed / unrealistic / memorable. I was very impressed by the first scene.
Noun-building suffixes

4 Complete the sentences with the noun form of the word in brackets.
1 Making the film wasn’t a lot of fun because there was a lot of _______ between the cast and the director. (tense)
2 She’s a great actress, but she has one _______ : she’s not very good at comedy. (weak)
3 The new science fiction movie is creating a lot of _______ at the moment. (excite)
4 Is there a cinema in this _______? (neighbour)
5 You need a lot of _______ to be a successful set designer in the theatre. (create)
6 I loved Japanese cartoons in my _______. (child)
7 The plot is very hard to follow – it caused a lot of _______ in the audience! (confuse)

Computer games

5 Choose the correct options to complete the text.

Nowadays every _______ first / one person game seems to be based on killing, so you’d think the most popular computer games character would be some soldier from a violent _______ gun / shoot ‘em up. In fact, it’s a friendly Italian plumber called Mario, Nintendo’s megastar.

Mario first appeared in a classic _______ platform / station game for arcades: Donkey Kong. In the game, players _______ go / make up a level after dodging barrels thrown at them by a giant ape. It was completely addictive as people progressed from one _______ ladder / stage to the next. Its simple _______ drawings / graphics explain Mario’s distinctive red and blue costume: those bright colours made him easier to see.

Mario is popular with children as well as adults so he’s often the star in each new Nintendo _______ apparatus / console, like the Wii. One of their biggest sellers was 2008’s _______ Super Mario Kart, where players race on a _______ divided / split screen. The game’s innovation was its steering wheel: players slot their handheld _______ controller / remote into the back of it. Then the machine can _______ ‘look’ / ‘read’ their movements using sophisticated motion _______ alarms / sensors, just like they’re driving a car.

Nintendo fans agree that the Mario games have always provided excellent _______ gameplay / game pleasure, from the birth of the Mario character in 1981, right up to the present day!

Vocabulary extension

Further noun forms

6 a Complete the chart with ten film and theatre jobs. Add the suffixes in the table to the root words in the box.

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actor

b 6.1 Listen and check.

7 Complete the sentences with the correct form of nouns from 6a.
1 The play was very popular with the public, but the _______ didn’t like it.
2 George is so funny – he really should be a(n) _______.
3 Writing music is tough – not many _______ make a living from it.
4 Someone who writes plays is known as a(n) _______.
5 You have to be good at drawing to be a(n) _______ or a(n) _______.
6 Some people think that the _______ and the _______ of a film are more important than the cast.

Bring it together

8 Complete the email with the words from the box. There is one word that you don’t need.

actor  audience  circus  console  controllers  critic
hilarious  magician  neighbourhood  part  script

Hi Yvain!

How are you doing? I’m writing to tell you about Fadiya’s play. It was an amazing success. There were about 200 people in the _______ – I think almost everyone in the _______ had decided to come and see it. There was even a theatre _______ from the regional paper!

Fadiya wrote the _______ and she directed the play, too. It’s about a group of _______ performers and their lives as they travel around the country. The _______ is getting older and he’s losing his ability to do tricks and illusions. At the same time, a young puppeteer is becoming really successful because his part of the show is _______ – people find his act really funny and the magician is jealous. I played one of the clowns from the circus. It was a small _______, but a lot of fun.

There was only one problem on the night when I was supposed to be playing on a games _______ with another character. They had forgotten to put the _______ on the stage, so we had nothing in our hands! We just carried on and I don’t think anyone noticed – I hope not, anyway!

If you want to see some photos, they’re up on our website. I bet my clown costume will make you laugh!

Speak soon, Natalia
GRAMMAR

The passive voice

1 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.
1 in / play / the / set / is / Thailand

2 be / month / the / released / will / next / film

3 Hitchcock / by / directed / was / film / the

4 the / was / Cruz / role / for / starring / Penelope / chosen

5 being / by / Clooney / written / George / script / the / is

6 been / the / given / TV / has / programme / reviews / great

2 a Rewrite these sentences, as in the example. The first word is given.
1 They chose Clint Eastwood for the lead role in A Fistful of Dollars.
   Clint Eastwood was chosen for the lead role in A Fistful of Dollars.
2 They use Glasgow as the setting for a lot of films nowadays.
   Glasgow
3 Many people think that Citizen Kane is the best film of all time.
   It
4 People say that you can see a modern plane in the 1963 film Cleopatra.
   It
5 The Japanese company Studio Ghibli made the film Spirited Away.
   Spirited Away
6 In the 1920s, people thought that colour films were impossible to make.
   In the 1920s, it
7 Many countries banned the film A Clockwork Orange.
   The film
8 They believe that saying the name of the play Macbeth is unlucky in theatre.
   It

b Which sentences in 2a refer to
i facts? __________
ii opinions? __________

3 Correct the sentences. Tick (√) two correct sentences.
1 We were told that the film was sold out.
2 The play has been received a lot of praise.
3 I have invited to the premiere of the latest Tom Cruise film.
4 The song was written of Paul McCartney.
5 The part of Sherlock Holmes is be played by Benedict Cumberbatch.
6 The performance is going to be cancel because of the bad weather.
7 It is think that people will stop buying DVDs in the future.
8 A scene from the movie is being shot in the City Museum today.

4 Complete the text with the correct passive form of the verbs in brackets.

Spotlight on... Hong Kong Movies

For many years now, the Hong Kong film industry (1) _________ (know) for its martial arts films and exciting action movies. It (2) _________ (also / admire) for a long time for its output: in 2009, over 50 films (3) _________ (produce). However, the Hong Kong film industry is now getting a new kind of recognition. In 2008, American movie The Departed won the Best Picture Oscar. The film (4) _________ (base) on a 2002 Hong Kong hit, Infernal Affairs. The remake was a double success for director Martin Scorsese, who finally picked up the Best Director Oscar after he (5) _________ (beat) to the award several times before. Suddenly, everyone was talking about Hong Kong film.

It (6) _________ (think) that the local film industry will continue to grow in future. Foreign interest in Hong Kong movies (7) _________ (encourage) by the recent international success of superstars like Chow Yun-Fat, who appears in 2012’s The Monkey King. Nowadays, local film makers (8) _________ (give) more and more government funding: with its combination of talent, energy and government support, it’s clear that Hong Kong will be one of the places to watch over the next few years. You heard it here first!
**Have something done**

5  Match a–b to i–ii.

1  a  The circus performers had their tent put up ____
   b  The circus performers put their tent up ____
      i  by themselves because it was a small circus company.
      ii  by a team who worked for them.

2  a  The composer recorded his new song ____
   b  The composer got his song recorded ____
      i  by a professional sound engineer.
      ii  using his own equipment.

3  a  The director had the script rewritten ____
   b  The director rewrote the script ____
      i  by a new scriptwriter.
      ii  without anybody’s help.

4  a  We’re a small theatre so the actors put ____
   b  On a movie set, the actors have their make-up put ____
      i  on by a make-up artist.
      ii  on their own make-up.

5  a  Simon translated his play into Chinese ____
   b  Simon had his play translated into Chinese ____
      i  by a writer from Guangzhou.
      ii  by using a dictionary and the internet.

6  a  Write sentences using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

   1  I / have / my red carpet dresses / by top designers (make)

   2  I / get / special shoes / to me / from Paris (send)

   3  I / always / have / my face / white / before / I go / on stage (paint)

   4  I / have / silk scarves, flowers and a rabbit / to me / before my act (bring)

   5  I / have / had / my reviews / in national newspapers (publish)

b  Who do you think said the sentences in 6a? Match them to the people.

   a  a magician  _______  d  a mime artist  _______
   b  a film star  ________  e  a ballerina  _______
   c  a theatre critic  __________

**Bring it together**

7  Complete the text with one word in each gap (don’t, etc. = one word).

**Kite crazy in Afghanistan**

Today, the skies above Kabul filled with hundreds of colourful papers.

It’s autumn and Afghanistan’s kite-flying season has just begun. For many years, kite flying had been banned and it has only recently permitted again, which is great news for its followers. Even during the ban, kites being produced secretly in hidden workshops, but now real shops being opened again all over the city. That’s not surprising because kite flying is an Afghan obsession. A kite is flown two people: one controlling the string and the other the movement of the kite. They used in contests like ‘kite fighting’ where players try to cut the string of the other person’s kite. If they succeed, and the string gets , the kite flies away into the air. These kites can claimed by anyone in the city. That’s OK because most of them are very cheap, although some serious players their kite specially made by experts. Whoever makes them, the kites almost always have bright, dynamic designs – and some people hang them on the walls as decorations!
**Functional Language** Generalising

1. Complete the words in the conversations.

   1. **A** What kind of people take the film-making course?
      **B** Well, a r e, people already have some experience in the film industry, but it’s not essential.

   2. **A** How does your group find gigs?
      **B** What s is that we go to concerts and then we ask the people there if they are interested in hearing our band.

   3. **A** How often do you use the games console?
      **B** We only use it when we have parties, g r y s k g. We don’t play the games on our own much.

   4. **A** Why do people take up salsa dancing as a hobby?
      **B** M o t n n people just do it because it’s fun and a good way to keep fit.

   5. **A** How do you meet people who do the same hobby as you – making animated films?
      **B** I’s that I’ve run into them at conferences and fairs. There are always loads of other animators there.

   6. **A** Do people often get hurt performing these circus tricks?
      **B** Oh no. I m c s, people are really careful. Accidents are very rare.

**Listening** Intonation

1. **6.2** Listen to two conversations. Tick (✓) 1, 2 or both.

   In which conversation | 1 | 2 | both
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**a** do the speakers know each other well? |  |  |  
**b** has someone lost something? |  |  |  
**c** do they talk about a film? |  |  |  
**d** do they talk about a game? |  |  |  
**e** do they talk about making things? |  |  |  

2. **a** Look at sentences 1–6. Which conversation are they from? Write 1 or 2.

   a [ ] That must be really hard for you.
   b [ ] It’s a great film.
   c [ ] They’re beautiful!
   d [ ] I’d love to have a go!
   e [ ] I’m really sorry, but I can’t.
   f [ ] It would be awful if you didn’t have it.

   **b** Read the information in the Strategy box. Do you think the speaker will use rising (↑) or falling (↓) intonation in the sentences? Circle the correct answers.

   3. **a** Listen again and check your answers in 2.

   **b** In which conversation is one of the speakers not saying exactly what he/she means? How do you know?

**STRATEGY** When you listen, think about how a speaker says something (their intonation), as well as what he/she says.

- When people feel happy or enthusiastic about something, they usually use rising (↑) intonation.
- When they express sympathy about something, they usually use falling (↓) intonation.
- Remember that sometimes people don’t say exactly what they mean, perhaps because they are trying to be polite, or to make a joke. In this case, instead of rising or falling, their intonation often remains flat.
The Year of the Hare (Jäniksen vuosi) by Arto Paasilinna

The Year of the Hare is a novel by Finnish author Arto Paasilinna. It’s set in modern-day Finland, in both the capital Helsinki and the country’s deep, northern forests. It’s a heart-warming tale about Vatanen, a journalist, whose whole life changes after an encounter with a wild hare.

When the story opens, Vatanen is travelling with a photographer colleague. One night, they hit a hare with their car. The injured animal escapes into the forest, and when Vatanen goes to look for it, the photographer drives off, leaving him alone.

While Vatanen is looking after the frightened and injured hare, he makes an important decision. He decides to leave his hectic life in the city and travel the country with the animal as his companion. Following the news that he will not be returning to work, his wife and colleagues come to look for him. However, Vatanen refuses to return to his previous life. Instead, he begins an extraordinary road trip towards the Arctic Circle, always travelling with the hare by his side. His adventures include encounters with wild bears and forest fires, as well as an accidental trip into Russian territory.

The main character, Vatanen, is middle-aged and depressed. He is tired of writing unmemorable lifestyle articles for magazines and wants to taste real freedom. As he meets the people who live in the forests, like park rangers and farmers, he discovers that life has meaning all over again.

Combining a road trip with a story of personal discovery, The Year of the Hare is a pleasant story about how people can change direction, and return to a simpler, more natural way of life.

1 Read the plot summary quickly. Tick (√) the information that it contains.
- the beginning of the story
- the end of the story
- where the story happens
- the names of all the characters
- the main events of the story
- the writer’s opinion of the story
- a physical description of the main character
- the main theme/idea of the book

2 Complete the phrases. Then check your answers in the text.
1 It’s s______ in modern-day Finland
2 It’s a heart-warming t______ about
3 When the story o______
4 W______ Vatanen is looking after the frightened and injured hare
5 F______ the news that he will not be returning to work
6 His a______ include encounters with wild bears and forest fires
7 C______ a road trip with a story of personal discovery

3 Write a plot summary of a book or a film that you know well. Use the paragraph plan to help you.

Paragraph 1: Where/When is it set? Who is the main character?
Paragraph 2: How does the story begin? What is the most important event in the book?
Paragraph 3: describe one or two further events
Paragraph 4: describe the main character’s personality
Paragraph 5: conclusion – explain the main theme

STRATEGY When you write a plot summary of a book or film:
- use the present simple to summarise the main events of the story
- don’t include all the events of the story. Focus on one or two key scenes
- use sequencing expressions (e.g. first, while, following) to show the order of events
- only describe one or two main characters. Concentrate on their personality, and don’t include physical description
- in your conclusion, summarise the main themes or ‘big ideas’ of the story.
Progress Test 2

Grammar & Vocabulary
(25 points)

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets. (10 points)
0 I have known (know) Ximena for over five years now.
1 Don’t send that email! I finished (finish) writing it yet!
2 It’s time you came out of the water and had something to eat. You swam (swim) for hours now!
3 Everyone’s looking forward to seeing (see) you when you visit next month.
4 Waris can’t take the exam unless he registers (register) online.
5 Read the sign – No eating (eat) in the computer room.
6 We’re in a taxi, but the traffic’s not moving. We missed (miss) our flight!
7 By the end of the month, you will work (work) here for 15 years.
8 I had my wallet stolen (steal) at the train station.
9 I believe (believe) that there are many undiscovered animal species in the sea.
10 Once Clarissa reads (read) your report, she’ll want to ask you about it.

2 Circle the option that doesn’t work. (7 points)
0 I love your bald / dark / wavy hair!
1 Zack looks completely different now that he’s grown a beard / complexion / moustache.
2 Do you think Sofia has put on freckles / make-up / weight?
3 The pictures in the book were drawn by an cartoonist / illustrator / producer.
4 I like to use herbs like coriander / cinnamon / basil in my cooking.
5 Apples taste best when they’re crunchy / sweet / creamy and juicy.
6 The film was terrible. It was really intriguing / predictable / unrealistic.
7 I felt sad at the end of the play because it was so depressing / gripping / moving.

3 Read the definitions. Write the correct words. (8 points)
0 This describes a film that makes you feel very happy and positive at the end. uplifting
1 These are lines on your face that you get as you become older. wrinkles
2 This verb means to cook in hot water. boil
3 This word can be used to describe the taste of coffee or lemon. bitter
4 You eat with these two pieces of wood in many parts of the world. chopsticks
5 This is a company which does business in many different countries. multinational
6 This is a musician or other entertainer who performs in the street. busker
7 This is the story of what happens in a book, film, play, opera, etc. plot
8 This is the time in your life between being a baby and a teenager. adolescence

Reading (25 points)

1 Read the text on page 41 and find five jobs that Tom Shadyac has done in the entertainment business. (5 points)

2 Correct six mistakes in this summary of the article. (6 points)

3 Answer the questions, according to the article. (14 points)

1 Which movie stars has Tom Shadyac worked with?

2 What kinds of film has Shadyac made?

3 What event made him change his life?

4 What kind of people appear in I am?

5 What TV programmes did he appear on?

6 What skill does he now teach other people?

7 How does Shadyac feel since he gave away his fortune?
Imagine you were a Hollywood film director, responsible for hit movies like *Patch Adams* (with Robin Williams in the title role) or *The Nutty Professor* (starring Eddie Murphy). What would you do next? Probably not what Tom Shadyac did. He sold his Hollywood mansion and most of his possessions and moved into a trailer (a simple kind of mobile home). He gave it all up to live a simple life, and then made a film of his experiences, *I am* (2011).

This documentary tells how Shadyac chose a new direction in life after he was badly hurt in a bicycle accident. It convinced him to give up the pressure of his Hollywood life.

*I am* shows his interviews with various gurus and philosophers, such as Noam Chomsky, as he tries to find the meaning of life. For Shadyac, this means showing respect to everyone. He says now that as the director of a film, his role is no more important than anyone else from the sound engineer to the cleaner. Everyone’s work is important.

This is very different to the usual way of thinking in the movie business, but Shadyac has more surprises, too.

Earlier this year, he astonished the audience on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* by telling them that he had given away most of his fortune to charity. Shadyac is one of those people who is successful at everything he does. Once he got his degree from UCLA Film School, he was quickly identified as a future talent. He began his career as an actor, working on small-screen shows like *Magnum PI*. Later, he moved into directing, and also became a producer on his latest films.

As a filmmaker his speciality is humour, something he developed as a stand-up comedian early in his career. This has also been useful when he has taken on the role of scriptwriter on his projects such as *Ace Ventura*, starring world-famous Jim Carrey. That’s one part of his life that he hasn’t given up, as he now instructs people how to write top-quality scripts at Pepperdine University in Southern California.

Despite giving up all that money, Shadyac insists he is happier now than he ever was when he was at the top of the Hollywood tree.

LISTENING (25 points)

1. Listen to a podcast about a computer game, *Cooking Mama World Kitchen*. Tick (✓) the things that are mentioned. (9 points)

- [ ] console
- [ ] controller
- [ ] first person
- [ ] the gameplay
- [ ] characters
- [ ] graphics
- [ ] platform
- [ ] motion sensor
- [ ] shoot ‘em up

2. Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences. (16 points)

1. *Cooking Mama World Kitchen* was invented in 2011 for the Nintendo DS. **T / F**

2. You can cut ingredients with a knife as part of the game. **T / F**

3. On the podcast, they talk about frying and grilling ingredients. **T / F**

4. *Cooking Mama* now offers 3D gameplay. **T / F**

5. Jake thinks that the character of Mama is too serious. **T / F**

6. Jake made some biscuits using a recipe from *Cooking Mama*. **T / F**

7. Leila’s hamburger was eaten by Mama. **T / F**

8. Leila thinks *Cooking Mama* is a good game to play on your own. **T / F**

WRITING (25 points)

1. Complete the words in the email. (5 points)

Hi Alessandra

(o) __ w __ are you? (1) G __ s __ who I met the other day? Tanja – from our old jewellery-making course, remember? I hadn’t seen her (2) s __ i __ i __ the end of the course. I can’t (3) b __ i __ k __ how much she’s changed!

She’s (4) s __ s __ I really thin, but she now has dyed blonde hair. And she wears this amazing handmade jewellery too – she has a really individual (5) k __ k __ k. I took a photo of us on my phone (I’ve attached it to this email). Check out her web page online – she’s now working as a make-up artist in the film industry!

Bye for now,
Kim

2. You meet an old classmate that you haven’t seen for a long time. Your classmate has completely changed his/her appearance, and job. Write an email to a friend telling them about him/her. (20 points)