

Shakespeare's Language of the Theatre

QUIZ

Part One

Task: Answer the following multiple-choice questions. Choose the best answer for each question.

1. **What was a unique feature of Shakespeare's theatres compared to modern theatres?**
 - a) They were round and roofless over the courtyard.
 - b) They had electric lighting for night performances.
 - c) The audience were far from the stage.

1. **What was the purpose of the galleries in Shakespeare's theatres?**
 - a) Props and costumes were stored there.
 - b) They offered seating for wealthier audience members.
 - c) They served as platforms for actors to perform.

2. **Which fact is TRUE about the musician's gallery?**
 - a) The musician's gallery was used for musicians to play music during the play, but sometimes actors also used the musicians' gallery.
 - b) In Shakespeare's time, the music was prerecorded on a machine.
 - c) There was no music during a theatre performance in Shakespeare's time.

3. **Which one of the following facts about Shakespeare's theatre is NOT TRUE?**
 - a) The stage was surrounded by the audience on three sides.
 - b) If it rained, the audience members standing in the courtyard would get wet.
 - c) The musicians' gallery was located below the stage where the play was performed.

4. **Why couldn't theatres in Shakespeare's time use a lot of detailed scenery on stage?**
 - a) It was against the rules of the time.
 - b) The theatres were too dark to see the scenery.
 - c) It would block the audience's view.

5. **How did Shakespeare provide information about the setting (place and time) of a scene?**
 - a) He simply didn't, the audience had to guess
 - b) By including lines in the dialogue that described details about the setting
 - c) Through written summaries handed to the audience

6. **What was one other purpose of Shakespeare's lines for the actors?**

- a) To help them remember their props and actions
- b) To teach them how to speak loudly
- c) To describe the audience's reactions

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Solutions for the multiple choice quiz:

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4.	c) The musicians' gallery was located below the stage where the play was performed.
5.	b) It would block the audience's view.
6.	b) By including descriptive lines in the dialogue
7.	a) To help them remember their props and actions

If you wish, put this info box on the quiz sheet.

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