

Hans Zimmer asked partner big question on stage

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Warm-up activities and vocabulary

List what kinds of jobs there are in the movie industry.

Write a two-word subtitle for your favourite film. Each word has to start with the same letter.

What are the differences between audiences at concerts and audiences in cinemas?

Vocabulary:

1. Scan the text and find a word or phrase that means:

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| A. <i>described</i> (paragraph 1) | r... |
| B. <i>show</i> (paragraph 1) | p... |
| C. <i>musical group</i> (paragraph 2) | o... |
| D. <i>fun</i> (paragraph 2) | e... |
| E. <i>loud shouting</i> (paragraph 2) | s... |
| F. <i>two people</i> (paragraph 2) | c... |
| G. <i>held each other</i> (paragraph 2) | h... |
| H. <i>shut</i> (paragraph 3) | l... |
| I. <i>strong</i> (paragraph 3) | b... |
| J. <i>deal with</i> (paragraph 3) | h... |

2. What does the italicised phrase below mean – *extremely*, *largely*, or *easily*?

were *enormously* brave to handle playing live

3. Which word below doesn't belong?

performance – orchestra – musician – manage

Reading comprehension questions

1. Hans Zimmer asked for what on stage?
2. When did he ask the big question?
3. What does Hans Zimmer write?
4. What was played at the concert?
5. What did he ask before the big question?
6. How did the audience react?
7. What did Zimmer and De Luca do after the question?
8. What joke did Zimmer make?
9. Who joined Hans Zimmer's orchestra?
10. How did Zimmer describe the guest musicians?

- A. Musicians from Ukraine.
- B. Near to the end of the second show.
- C. With celebration.
- D. Scores for movies.
- E. That the chores had been done.
- F. For his partner to marry him.
- G. They hugged.
- H. The music from films such as *Gladiator*.
- I. As being mentally very strong.
- J. If some chores had been done.

Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Match the words on the left to their endings to make phrases from the text.

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| 1. enormously | A. players |
| 2. in | B. live |
| 3. lock the | C. store |
| 4. on | D. in marriage |
| 5. playing | E. marry me |
| 6. best | F. brave |
| 7. starred | G. run |
| 8. two-night | H. known for |
| 9. hand | I. back door |
| 10. will you | J. stage |

Match the words on the left from the text to their synonyms.

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| 1. perform | A. feature |
| 2. star | B. film music |
| 3. request | C. play |
| 4. score | D. ask |
| 5. brief | E. quick |

Match the words on the left from the text to their antonyms.

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| 1. brave | A. divorce |
| 2. lock | B. open |
| 3. marriage | C. scared |

Grammar gap-fill cloze: past simple positive

Change the verbs into their past simple positive forms before putting them in the correct spaces.

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| A. invite | F. hug |
| B. report | G. manage |
| C. confirm | H. write |
| D. perform | I. star |
| E. announce | J. request |

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Vocabulary gap-fill cloze

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|--------------|----------------|
| A. orchestra | F. brave |
| B. starred | G. marriage |
| C. musicians | H. requested |
| D. engaged | I. managed |
| E. scores | J. performance |

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Writing cloze

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| 1. pererdto | 6. oescrs | 11.degagen |
| 2. greamrai | 7. iemcetxtne | 12.onidrefmc |
| 3. fpeoaecnrmr | 8. uedqesert | 13.trearsd |
| 4. rarym | 9. kocl | 14.isiaucmsn |
| 5. scrtoareh | 10.agmdnea | 15.vaerb |

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Fill-in punctuation

Fill-in the missing punctuation: capital letters, commas, and full stops. The text also includes 4 apostrophes, 1 hyphenated word, 5 quotations, and 3 question marks.

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Cool-down discussion, keywords, and game

Discussion questions:

- Where is a good place to ask someone to marry you?
- Why do movies rarely show characters doing everyday chores?
- Do you prefer newer or older films?
- Can you read and write music?
- What personal qualities are needed to play music or make a presentation in front of a large audience?

CEFR B1 10 lesson keywords:

(a = adjective / n = noun / v = verb)

brave (a/v), engaged (a), manage (v), marriage (n), musician (n), orchestra (n), performance (n), request (n/v), score (n/v), star (n/v)

Language game:

In the table below, add one word to each box that matches both the category and the beginning letter, e.g. a movie beginning with *F* is *Forrest Gump*.

	F	I	L	M
A movie				
An instrument				
A daily chore				
Something you buy a ticket for				
Somewhere to get married				

Answers

Page 2 Warm-up activities and vocabulary

1. A. reported, B. performance, C. orchestra, D. excitement, E. screaming, F. couple, G. hugged, H. locked, I. brave, J. handle
2. extremely
3. manage (the others describe music)

Page 3 Reading comprehension questions

1F, 2B, 3D, 4H, 5J, 6C, 7G, 8E, 9A, 10I

Page 4 Phrases, synonyms, and antonyms match-up

Phrases 1F, 2C, 3I, 4J, 5B, 6H, 7A, 8G, 9D, 10E
Synonyms 1C, 2A, 3D, 4B, 5E
Antonyms 1C, 2B, 3A

Page 5 Grammar gap-fill cloze: past simple affirmative

1B reported, 2A invited, 3H wrote, 4D performed, 5J requested, 6G managed, 7F hugged, 8C confirmed, 9I starred, 10E announced

Page 6 Vocabulary gap-fill cloze

1G, 2J, 3A, 4E, 5H, 6I, 7D, 8B, 9C, 10F

Page 7 Writing cloze

1. reported, 2. marriage, 3. performance, 4. marry, 5. orchestra, 6. scores,
7. excitement, 8. requested, 9. lock, 10. managed, 11. engaged,
12. confirmed, 13. starred, 14. musicians, 15. brave

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