Arts and Culture – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Match the words with their definitions

Match each definition with a word from the box.

Example: A person who paints pictures. → painter

WORD BOX

playwright **premiere** **rehearsal** **curator** **masterpiece** **sculpture** **critic** **audience**

1. A person who writes plays. → _____
2. The first public performance of a film or play. → _____
3. A practice session before a public performance. → _____
4. A person responsible for the collections in a museum or gallery. → _____
5. An outstanding piece of work, often an artist's best. → _____
6. A work of art made by shaping stone, wood, metal or clay. → _____
7. Someone whose job is to write reviews of books, films or plays. → _____
8. The people watching or listening to a performance. → _____

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with collocations

Complete each sentence with a word or phrase from the box. There are two extra items you do not need.

Example: The concert hall was full; there wasn't a single empty ___. → seat

WORD BOX

standing ovation **sold out** **rave reviews** **on display** **box office** **behind the scenes** **cast** **exhibition** **encore** **brushstroke**

9. Tickets for the concert _____ within an hour of going on sale.
10. At the end of the show, the audience rose to their feet and gave the dancers a _____.
11. The film received _____ from critics, who called it the best of the year.
12. Several of the artist's early sketches are currently _____ at the city museum.
13. The musical has been a huge success at the _____, earning millions in its first month.
14. The documentary offers a rare look _____ at how a theatre production is put together.

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15. The director chose a young, mostly unknown _____ for her new play.
16. The gallery is holding an _____ of contemporary photography next month.

Exercise 3: Word formation

Use the word in capitals to form a word that fits the gap.

Example: She is a very ___ painter. (TALENT) → talented

17. The orchestra's _____ of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was unforgettable. (PERFORM)
18. He is one of the most _____ writers of his generation. (INFLUENCE)
19. Picasso's _____ was obvious from a very early age. (CREATE)
20. The new museum's design is highly _____ and has divided public opinion. (CONTROVERSY)
21. The _____ of the ancient statue took the museum staff several months. (RESTORE)
22. Her photographs are an _____ record of daily life in the 1950s. (VALUE)
23. The play's ending was completely _____; nobody saw it coming. (PREDICT)
24. The film was _____ acclaimed and won several international awards. (CRITIC)

Exercise 4: Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

Example: The museum has an amazing collect of coins. → The museum has an amazing collection of coins.

25. The band made a concert in the main square last night.

_____

26. She takes part in the main role in the new production.

_____

27. The novel has been translated to over thirty languages.

_____

28. The film is based in a true story.

_____

29. The audience applauded the pianist enthusiastic.

_____

30. Critics have praised the gallery for its impressive collect of modern art.

_____

31. The portrait was painted by oils in the early 1900s.

_____

32. The show was such a success that it was sold off every night.

_____

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Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

Example: exhibition / opened / the / mayor / by / was / the → The exhibition was opened by the mayor.

33. play / a / standing / received / the / ovation

34. critics / was / by / the / film / praised / highly

35. on / the / are / display / sculptures / now

36. in / took / the / audience / members / part / of / the / performance

37. tickets / out / in / minutes / sold / the / ten

38. inspired / was / her / by / grandmother's / the / novel / life

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Answer key – Arts and Culture – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: Match the words with their definitions

1. **playwright**
   A playwright writes plays for the theatre.
2. **premiere**
   A premiere is the first public showing of a new work.
3. **rehearsal**
   Actors and musicians practise in rehearsals before the real show.
4. **curator**
   A curator chooses and looks after the objects in a museum or gallery.
5. **masterpiece**
   A masterpiece is a work of exceptional quality.
6. **sculpture**
   A sculpture is a three-dimensional work of art.
7. **critic**
   A critic gives a professional opinion on artistic works.
8. **audience**
   The audience is the group of people at a show or concert.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with collocations

9. **sold out**
   When all tickets are bought, an event 'sells out'.
10. **standing ovation**
    A standing ovation is when the audience stands up to applaud.
11. **rave reviews**
    Rave reviews are extremely positive reviews.
12. **on display**
    Things that are 'on display' are shown for the public to see.
13. **box office**
    Box office success refers to how many tickets are sold.
14. **behind the scenes**
    'Behind the scenes' means the work that the public does not usually see.
15. **cast**
    The cast is the group of actors in a play or film.
16. **exhibition**
    Galleries 'hold' exhibitions of art.

Exercise 3: Word formation

17. **performance**
    We need a noun after 'The orchestra's'.
18. **influential**
    An adjective is needed before the noun 'writers'.
19. **creativity**
    A noun is needed as the subject of the sentence.
20. **controversial**
    An adjective is needed after 'highly'.
21. **restoration**
    A noun is needed after 'The'.
22. **invaluable**
    'Invaluable' means extremely useful; 'an' signals a word beginning with a vowel.
23. **unpredictable**
    A negative adjective is needed because nobody expected the ending.
24. **critically**
    An adverb is needed before the participle 'acclaimed'.

Exercise 4: Correct the mistakes

25. **The band gave a concert in the main square last night.**
    We say 'give', 'play' or 'perform' a concert because these verbs collocate with 'concert', while 'make' does not.
26. **She plays the main role in the new production.**
    'Take part in' means to participate in an activity, so for an actor and a role we say 'play the main role', though 'take the main role' and 'have the main role' are also natural.
27. **The novel has been translated into over thirty languages.**
    The correct preposition is 'translated into'.
28. **The film is based on a true story.**
    We say 'based on' a story or idea.
29. **The audience applauded the pianist enthusiastically.**
    An adverb is needed to describe the verb 'applauded'.
30. **Critics have praised the gallery for its impressive collection of modern art.**
    The noun form 'collection' is needed after 'impressive'.
31. **The portrait was painted in oils in the early 1900s.**
    We say a picture is painted 'in oils'.
32. **The show was such a success that it was sold out every night.**
    A show with no tickets left is 'sold out'; 'sell off' means sell cheaply.

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Exercise 5: Put the words in order

33. **The play received a standing ovation.**
    Subject + verb + object: 'receive a standing ovation' is a common collocation.
34. **The film was highly praised by critics.**
    Passive voice: 'was highly praised by' introduces who did the praising.
35. **The sculptures are now on display.**
    'On display' is a fixed phrase that follows the verb 'are', and the adverb 'now' can go before 'on display', at the end of the sentence, or at the very beginning.
36. **Members of the audience took part in the performance.**
    'Members of the audience' is the subject; 'take part in' is the collocation.
37. **The tickets sold out in ten minutes.**
    'Sell out' is a phrasal verb; the time phrase usually goes at the end.
38. **The novel was inspired by her grandmother's life.**
    Passive voice: 'was inspired by' shows the source of the idea.

Notes for teachers: Start with the matching exercise to activate key vocabulary, then move on to the collocation and word-formation tasks. Learners often use the wrong verb in collocations (make a concert instead of give a concert) and the wrong preposition (based in instead of based on). As a follow-up, ask learners to write a short review of an exhibition, concert or film using at least eight words from the worksheet.

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