

Shakespeare

A Penny for the Yard

Task 1

Watch the documentary about the Globe Theatre in London. Are the sentences true or false?

1. Shakespeare's Globe Theatre was in quite a dangerous part of London.
2. The new Globe Theatre is in the same place as the old one.
3. It was built in the mid 1980s.
4. The building is very similar to the old Globe.
5. The audiences for Shakespeare's plays were very diverse.
6. The cheapest places in the old Globe cost one penny.
7. The most expensive places cost a shilling (twelve pennies).
8. Shakespeare wrote 48 plays and more than 150 poems.

Task 2

Use the correct words and expressions to complete Farah's description of the Globe Theatre.

doors / gallery / stage / balcony /
theatre / stage roof / trapdoor

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which they used to call the 'heavens'. It has an upper stage _____, musicians' _____, the three _____ where actors come in and exit, the _____ in the stage as well as one in the roof. All of those things were features that were in Shakespeare's original theatre in 1599.

Task 3

Can you remember the words and expressions from the previous task? Write the missing letters.

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Answers

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1. True
2. False
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. False

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