

While you listen

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

Comprehension Task 1: What does Richard do in the video? Put the events in order.

- a) He admires the building and asks about it.
- b) He goes to Southampton, on the South coast of Britain.
- c) He arrives at The Royal Albert Hall, where Verdi's *Aida* is being performed.
- d) He talks to the manager of Soco.
- e) He tries playing some instruments.
- f) He visits a shopping centre.

Comprehension Task 2: Which place is described? Match the phrases to the place.

- The Royal Albert Hall:
- Soco:

- a) ...aims to reach people who aren't usually involved in music.
- b) ...has been putting on performances for more than a hundred years.
- c) ...is also called The Hub.
- d) ...has hosted a lot of famous musicians.
- e) ...makes recordings of musicians who aren't well-known.

- f) ...runs workshops in music and arts.
- g) ...has rock, pop and classical performances.

Language Task 1: Match the halves of the sentences from the video.

1. Tonight is press
 2. It's been busy
 3. A shopping centre is the last
 4. Soco may be a small team but they are making a
 5. Here we record sessions for up
 6. (They are) people who wouldn't
- a) and coming new bands.
 - b) big difference.
 - c) hosting music and performance events ever since.
 - d) night for their new production of *Aida*.
 - e) otherwise access projects like this.
 - f) place I'd expect to find music talent.

Language Task 2: Put the prepositions in the spaces.

up	in
to	for
out	at

1. Music is _____ the heart of British culture.
2. I'm not entirely sure I'm dressed _____ the occasion.
3. It's a way of reaching _____ to young people.
4. It's making a big difference _____ kids' lives.
5. They can get involved _____ something creative.
6. The project was set _____ to help disadvantaged groups.

Comprehension Task 1: 1. c; 2. a; 3. b; 4. f; 5. d; 6. e
Comprehension Task 2: The Royal Albert Hall: b; d; g
Language Task 1: 1. d; 2. c; 3. f; 4. b; 5. a; 6. e
Language Task 2: 1. at; 2. for; 3. out; 4. to; 5. in; 6. up
Soco: a; c; e; f