

## Arts. Ballet at the Bolshoi?

### Знакомство с историей Большого театра в Москве, современным репертуаром. Роль искусства в современном мире

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#### Результат

Знакомство с историей Большого театра в Москве, современным репертуаром, обсуждение роли искусства в современном мире, развитие навыков просмотрового чтения.



#### Запомни. Важно

Работу над любым произведением необходимо начинать с чтения и анализа заголовка, рассмотрения иллюстраций, знакомства с необходимыми лексическими единицами, которые помогут спрогнозировать основное содержание текста.



#### Обрати внимание

Study the vocabulary

incredible	невероятный, поразительный
chandelier	канделябр, люстра
commissioned by	заказанный кем-либо
be backed by smb	получить поддержку, обеспечиваться кем-либо
damage beyond repair	повреждение, не подлежащее ремонту
blaze	пламя, яркий огонь
rage	пылать, бушевать



#### Сделай сам

1. Read the statements. Are they true or not? Guess.
  - 1) *The Bolshoi Theatre* is an example of neoclassical design.
  - 2) There are less than two thousand seats.

- 3) *The Bolshoi* has a dramatic history.
  - 4) The construction of the theatre was sponsored by an Englishman.
  - 5) The building survived 3 disasters.
  - 6) Tchaikovsky's *A Life for the Tsar* premiered there in 1842.
2. Read the text and put the paragraphs in the right order. Check your answers to ex. 1.
- a) The Bolshoi ballerinas, actors and 1 \_\_\_\_\_ may tour the world, but there's no better place to see the Bolshoi Theatre Company other than right here in Moscow.
  - b) A trip to the *Bolshoi Theatre* is an incredible experience, even before the 2 \_\_\_\_\_ begins. The theatre is a masterpiece of Russian 3 \_\_\_\_\_ design. It seats over two thousand people in a wonderland of hanging chandeliers, gold decoration and red velvet furnishings.
  - c) *The Bolshoi* has always been associated with 4 \_\_\_\_\_, and it's the home of the Bolshoi Ballet troupe. It has hosted some of Russia's most famous performances and celebrated 5 \_\_\_\_\_ by some of the best composers. Glinka's opera, *A Life for the Tsar*, premiered here on 7th September, 1842, and Richard Wagner conducted a series of concerts here in 1863. In 1877, Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* was first 6 \_\_\_\_\_ here, and it remains a popular favourite. This century, works by the composers Prokofiev and Shostakovich, as well as the 1960s hit *Spartacus* by Aram Khachaturyan, were also performed at the Bolshoi Theatre.
  - d) *The Bolshoi* has a history that's almost as 7 \_\_\_\_\_ as one of its performances. The original theatre was *Prince Urussov's Public Opera and Ballet Theatre*, commissioned by Catherine the Great in 1776 and backed by the Englishman Michael Maddox. The first 8 \_\_\_\_\_ struck in 1805 when fire damaged it beyond repair. The architect, Osip Bove, designed a new building which opened in 1825. However, disaster struck again in 1853 when the theatre 9 \_\_\_\_\_ fire and the blaze 10 \_\_\_\_\_ for days. Almost all the interior was destroyed, but the outer walls remained more or less intact. The interior of the building was rebuilt in 1856 by the architect Albert Kavos.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4



## Разбираем вместе

1. Read the text again and fill in the missing words

ballet, caught, disaster, dramatic, neoclassical, opera singers,  
performance, performed, premieres, raged

- 1) The Bolshoi ballerinas, actors and 1 \_\_\_\_\_ may tour the world... — В данном предложении идёт перечисление тех, кто может путешествовать по миру, следовательно, нам необходимо существительное во мн. ч., одушевлённое. Единственный подходящий вариант — **opera singers**.
- 2) A trip to the *Bolshoi Theatre* is an incredible experience, even before the 2 \_\_\_\_\_ begins. — Артикль **the** и сказуемое **begins** указывают на необходимость выбора существительного в ед. ч. Три варианта ответа: **ballet** (не подходит, так как в Большом театре показывают не только балет), **disaster** (предложение не несёт негативного смысла), значит, верный вариант ответа — **performance**.
- 3) The theatre is a masterpiece of Russian 3 \_\_\_\_\_ design. — Перед существительным (**design**) можем поставить определяющее его прилагательное. В данном случае речь идёт о стиле — **neoclassical**.
- 4) *The Bolshoi* has always been associated with 4 \_\_\_\_\_, and it's the home of the Bolshoi Ballet troupe. — После предлога *with* необходимо существительное — **ballet, disaster, premieres**. По смыслу необходимо **ballet**.
- 5) It has hosted some of Russia's most famous performances and celebrated 5 \_\_\_\_\_ by some of the best composers. — После глагола *celebrated* нужно указать, что именно праздновал театр, значит, необходимо существительное — **premieres**.
- 6) In 1877, Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* was first 6 \_\_\_\_\_ here, and it remains a popular favourite. — В данном предложении использован *Passive Voice*, значит, нам не хватает глагола в 3-й форме — **performed**.
- 7) *The Bolshoi* has a history that's almost as 7 \_\_\_\_\_ as one of its performances. — В конструкции **as ... as** пропущено прилагательное — **dramatic**.
- 8) The first 8 \_\_\_\_\_ struck in 1805 when fire damaged it beyond repair. — В предложении отсутствует подлежащее — **disaster**.
- 9) However, disaster struck again in 1853 when the theatre 9 \_\_\_\_\_ fire and the blaze 10 \_\_\_\_\_ for days. — В обоих случаях не хватает сказуемых. Устойчивое выражение **catch fire** (загореться) в *Past Simple* приобретает форму **caught**, пламя же бушевало несколько дней? — **raged**.



## Сделай сам

1. Answer the questions
  - 1) Would you like to visit *the Bolshoi*? Why / why not?
  - 2) Are you a theatre-goer?
  - 3) What ballets have you seen?
  - 4) What is your favourite ballet?
  - 5) Would you like to be a ballet dancer? Why / why not?
  
2. There are some underlined words in the text. Search for information about their origin. What language are they from? Do you know any other words borrowed from this language / from other languages?