

Unit 3

What's on?

Get ready to read

- Which of these sentences is true for you? Tick ✓ one box.
 I never go to the theatre.
 I hardly ever go to the theatre.
 I go to the theatre about once a month.
 I go to the theatre two or three times a year.
- How often do you go to the cinema? Write a sentence.

- Which of these types of show would you prefer to see at the theatre? Put them in order. (1 = your favourite, 7 = your least favourite)
 a ballet an opera
 a comedy a play
 a concert a musical
 a dance show

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A At Brighton Theatre Royal

Learning tip

When you read, it isn't necessary to understand every word in the text. You only need to understand the parts of the text which contain the information you are looking for.

1 Merve is living in Brighton. Her sister is coming to visit her in February and Merve would like to take her to the theatre. She is looking at the programme for the Theatre Royal. Scan the programme on the opposite page. Are all the shows on in February?

2 What kind of shows are on at the theatre? Write three sentences.

Tap Dogs is a

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Did you know ...?

The word *tap* has many meanings. Here it describes a type of dancing where the dancer wears special shoes with pieces of metal on the bottom which make a noise.

3 Merve's friend Kristen has seen these shows. She is telling Merve about them. Which show does each sentence describe? (The shows are described more than once.)

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| a | It was written by Willy Russell. | b | It's a show with Irish music and dance. |
| | <i>Blood Brothers</i> | | |
| c | It has six dancers. | d | It takes place in Liverpool. |
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| e | It has been on tour to fifteen countries. | f | It is directed by Nigel Triffitt. |
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4 What other things could Kristen say about the shows? Write one or two more sentences about each show. Use the sentences in Exercise 3 as models.

Blood Brothers has won four awards for Best Musical in London.

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A smash hit since its first performance in 1995, Olivier Award-winning *Tap Dogs* returns to Brighton as part of an international tour. Dressed in Levis and Blundstone Boots, the explosive cast of six strapping Aussie tap dancers return to the Theatre Royal stage in a feast of stylish routines.

The raw energy of *Tap Dogs* has thrilled and astonished audiences across the globe in equal measure. They were the toast of the Sydney Olympics, entertaining over 3 billion people at the opening ceremony.

You won't want to miss this – the hottest show on legs!

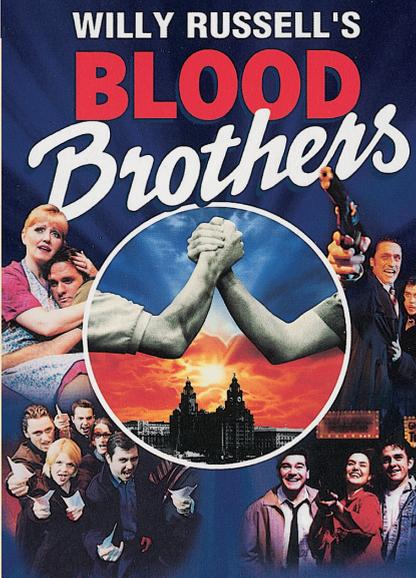
Mon 7 – Sat 12 Feb

Did you hear the story of the Johnstone twins?

Set in Willy Russell's native Liverpool, *Blood Brothers* tells the tale of twin boys, separated at birth only to be reunited by a twist of fate and a mother's guilty secret.

Scoping up no less than four awards for Best Musical in London, seven Tony nominations on Broadway, and receiving a standing ovation at every performance, *Blood Brothers* is truly unforgettable.

Mon 21 – Sat 26 Feb



SPIRIT of the DANCE

With special guests

Ireland's Three Tenors

Irish in origin, this powerful show combines Irish Dance with the sensual Latino rhythms of Flamenco and Red Hot Salsa in a thrilling production of strength and passion.

Spirit of the Dance is one of the most successful shows to come out of Ireland and has been seen by more than thirty million people in fifteen countries around the world.

Special guests in this year's show are Ireland's Three Tenors, who bring a selection of songs and some of the greatest voices ever heard to *Spirit of the Dance*.

Not one Irish dance shoe steps out of line as their thunderous feet perform as one, with an excitement that leaves the audience screaming for more.

Mon 28 Feb – Sat 5 March

Class bonus

Work with a partner. Read out your sentences from Exercise 4, but begin the sentences with *It* – for example: *It has won four awards for Best Musical in London.* Work out which show your partner is describing.

- Merve's sister likes dancing. Which show do you think Merve will buy tickets for? Why?
- Would you like to go to any of these shows? Which one(s) would you choose? Why?

Focus on ... vocabulary

There are lots of useful words in this section about going to the theatre. Read the definitions of some of the words. Write each word.

- acting, singing, dancing, playing music to entertain people
p e r f o r m a n c e
- a prize given to someone/something for their achievement
a _ _ _ _ _
- all the actors/performers in a play/show c _ _ _ _
- the raised area in a theatre where actors perform s _ _ _ _ _
- when people stand when clapping to show that they have enjoyed something very much
s _ _ _ _ _ o _ _ _ _ _
- the people who sit and watch a performance at a theatre
a _ _ _ _ _

