

I WON THE TALENT SHOW

1st and 2nd of ESO
Teacher's Guide





BEFORE GOING TO THE THEATRE

1. The Story

Anna is going to participate in a television contest to demonstrate her talent and win the prize. The contest is called "You've really got talent, yes you do!", and it is very successful.

Hundreds of people show up for the contest: dancers, singers, painters, athletes ... Some performances will qualify and others will not.

Before her performance, Anna meets Alex. He is another contestant, but he is not so interested in the prize. He just wants to express himself and share his talent.

During her time in the contest, Anna will learn that the important thing is not popularity or money.

Write one complete question for each of the answers:

- The prize is 10.000 euros.

What is the prize

- My name is Alex.

What is your name

- I am 18 years old.

How old are you

- I am from Liverpool.

Where are you from

- I have been living in London for 5 years.

How long have you been living in London

- Anna feels sorry after telling a lie.

How does Anna feel after telling a lie



2. The characters

ANNA is a young student who would like to travel all over the world. She participates in the contest to win the prize and go on adventures. But she will discover that the things that really matter are not material.

ALEX is very quiet. He loves art as a way of expressing himself. Every time he acts, he feels free. That's the reason he decides to participate in the contest. He is not interested in the prize, but if he won, he would donate everything to a charitable cause.

SIMON is a liar who doesn't mind cheating to win. He is not talented, so he decides to make up a tragedy to reach the hearts of the jury.

ERIC is Anna's boyfriend. He is a bit lazy and doesn't seem very interested in Anna's artistic side. He doesn't pay attention to her.

3. Vocabulary

The following words appear in both the text and the play. Fill in the gaps:

perform - audition - fault - company - pass - tour

- If you study hard enough, you will **pass** all your exams.
- This group of actors has created a new **company**
- Next week they will have a new **audition** to choose more actors.
- This summer they are going to do a world **tour**
- They **perform** very interesting shows.
- "I've broken a glass! Sorry." "Don't worry. It's not your **fault**"



Read and practice this vocabulary from the play.

PRIZE / RIDICULOUS / OVERWHELMED / NECK / CRAP / TRULY / COMPETITION
TO SHOW OFF / HOMELESS / GET OFF / TO PITY / TO PRAY / FOOL / TALKATIVE
BACKSTAGE / TO SHUT UP / DISMISSED / FEVER / SIGHT / BLINDNESS
DISHWASHER / SURGERY / HEARTBREAKING / PORTRAIT / TO ACHIEVE
TO BOTHER / BREAK A LEG / LUCK / SOUL / SHAME / A NAP / STUFF
DEAF OMELET / BOTH / BEYOND / ILL / TO BEG

4. Grammar

Order the following words to create coherent sentences. You will have to add the necessary articles and prepositions:

1. just / academic / new / begun / has / year
A new academic year has just begun.
2. met / again / have / friends / school / friends / once / up
School friends have met up once again.
3. arrived / student / new / has / school
A new student has arrived at school.
4. celebrate / going / school / is / anniversary / twentieth / its
The school is going to celebrate its twentieth anniversary.
5. character / play / write / decide / school / ago / twenty / was / how / years
A character of the play decides to write about how the school was twenty years ago.
6. they / look / have / information / for / write / article / magazine
They have to look for information to write the magazine article.



7. discover / when / looking / they / information / for / surprising / are / they / something
When they are looking for information they discover something surprising.
8. film / they / where / teacher / headmaster / appear / literature / find / together
They find a film in which the literature teacher and the headmaster appear together.
9. they / that / join / them / would / fantastic / be / idea / think / again
They think that getting them together again would be a fantastic idea.
10. up / they / plan / make / get / aim / their
They make a plan to achieve their aim.

5. Talent shows and contests

Can you match these contest words with their synonyms?

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| a) Entertainment | m) act, play a part, play a role |
| b) Audience | g) champion |
| c) Part | k) presentation, show |
| d) Stage | e) capacity, ability |
| e) Talent | f) actor, musician, player |
| f) Performer | c) role |
| g) Winner | b) spectators |
| h) Judge | l) competitor |
| i) Show | i) event, exhibition |
| j) Competition | j) contest, challenge, match |
| k) Performance | h) evaluator |
| l) Contestant | n) perform |
| m) Perform | d) platform |
| n) Take part | a) amusement, enjoyment |



- Do you like performance contests such as X Factor or Britain's Got Talent? Why? Why not?

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- Would you take part in one of them? Why or why not?

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6. Speaking: Role play!

Work in pairs.

- **STUDENT 1:** You are a journalist from a TV channel and you have to interview a famous singer/actor.
- **STUDENT 2:** You are a famous singer/actor who is interviewed by a journalist.

7. Qualities and skills

Do you know the difference between a skill, a quality and a talent? Write three skills and three qualities and give an example of onetime you have demonstrated them.

SKILL	QUALITY
Good at sports	Empathy
Good at communicating effectively	Honesty
Good at carpentry	Open-Mindedness

- Example 1:
- Example 2:
- Example 3:



8. Writing

Can you imagine how your school was twenty years ago? Try to compare it with the school as it is now. Talk about what there was or wasn't at that time, what there is or isn't now, which subjects were different, etc. (About 100 words)

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9. Listening

Listen to track 1 and answer the following questions:

- What is the name of the show we are being introduced to?

The name of the show is "You've really got talent, yes you do!".

- How many people applied for the show?

More than 2,000 people applied for the show.

- What kinds of acts are going to be performed?

Singing, dancing, magic, acrobatics and even animals playing music.

- What edition of the contest is going to start?

The tenth edition of the contest is going to start.

- How many contestants will qualify for the next round?

Only 10 contestants will qualify for the next round.



AFTER GOING TO THE THEATRE

Hello again! Did you enjoy the show? Let's see if you remember the plot:

a) How many characters appear in the play? How many actors play them?

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b) Who do you think was the funniest character and why?

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c) How are they dressed?

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10. Order the scenes from 1 to 10 and share your answer with your classmates.

- 3** Simon is on the stage for the first time. He is acting like a blind person, searching with his arm.
- 10** Alex and Anna form a duo and they start performing together.
- 1** "You've really got talent, yes you do!" is announced. The show is coming to town.
- 8** It is the final round: Anna vs. Simon.
- 9** Simon gets Anna to confess that she is a liar. He wins the competition.
- 4** Anna makes up a story about a dog called Brownie.
- 5** Anna performs her number and the jury wants her for the next round.
- 2** At the backstage, Anna meets Alex. They talk about what they want to do with the prize.
- 6** When Anna talks with Eric on the phone, he is not interested in the show or her performance.
- 7** Alex is out of the competition.



11. Write a review of the play. Remember to include comments about the acting, costumes, set, sound and lighting. (100 words)

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