



Lesson 73: Going to the Opera

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

consist of	(PHRV)	to be made up of	This cathedral will consist of eighteen towers when it is completed.
atmosphere	(N)	the feeling that exists in a place or at an event	The atmosphere in the office was lively.
duet	(N)	a piece of music sung or played by two people	Duets are usually about love.
spectator	(N)	a person who is watching an event or a game	The spectators were greatly disappointed in the game's result.
cast	(N)	all the actors in a play or movie	There will be Lea Salonga in the cast .
incredibly	(ADV)	extremely	Opera is incredibly beautiful.
perhaps	(ADV)	maybe	They perhaps had too many drinks.

Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Matt and Grace talk about opera.



Matt

What are you looking at?



Grace

I am looking at a poster about a new opera. Andrea Bocelli is in the cast.





Matt

I am not familiar with opera, but I have heard of his name. He is a singer from Italy, right?



Grace

You've got it. He is incredibly good. I have been listening to his songs for ages. Matt, do you want to come with me to the opera, perhaps?



Matt

I'd like to, but I know nothing about opera. Can you tell me about it?



Grace

Sure. Opera consists of dramatic songs that are sung solo or in a duet. The atmosphere, volume, and rhythm are always changing, which is why spectators



Matt

That sounds interesting. I'd love to go to the opera with you.

Check your understanding:

- What was Grace reading about?
- What is opera music like?
- What changes throughout the opera?

Exercise 03

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You won two tickets to the opera.
- Persuade your friend to go with you.



Exercise 04

Discussion

- 1) Do you like opera? Why?
- 2) What are some famous operas that you have heard of?
- 3) Do you think that opera is only for rich and intelligent people?
- 4) Which do you prefer, duets or solos? Why?
- 5) Would you want to become an opera singer if you had a good voice? Why?

