

A pantomime audition

1 What's a pantomime?

Look at the picture and read the box. Would you like to watch a pantomime, or even to be the star in it? Why/why not?



Across cultures



A pantomime is a bit like a musical, with songs, dancing and funny parts. The audience even sings along! The stories are often fairytales and the shows take place around Christmas.

2 Jay's big chance?

<http://code.klett.de/8gi6tx>

Read the photo story. Then finish the sentences.

- Jay wants to go to an audition for a pantomime.
- He's late because Dave arrives at the bus stop too late. / because Dave is late for the bus.
- Sid was stuck behind the sofa.
- They arrive at the theatre at five past ten / five minutes late.
- Jay gets a chance because Dave talks to the lady at the theatre. / they need more boys.
- In the end Jay is in the pantomime.

3 In front of the judges

In the photo story, we don't see the judges' reaction to Jay's performance. What can they say?

Draw another picture and write speech bubbles for Jay and the judges.

Or: Act out the audition scene in class.

Useful phrases

That was funny / impressive / not bad ...
You've got talent / good ideas / a great voice / ...
I liked how you ... | But try to ... |
Why did you / didn't you ...



pantomime [ˈpæntəmaɪm] **Weihnachtstheaterstück** audition [əˈdɪʃn] **Vorsprechen; Vorsingen; Vortanzen**
to sing along [sɪŋ ə'lɒŋ] **mitsingen** fairytale [ˈfeərɪteɪl] **Märchen** chance [tʃɑːns] **Chance; Gelegenheit**
judge [dʒʌdʒ] **hier: Juror/-in** impressive [ɪmˈpresɪv] **beeindruckend**