

Task 1.

Read the text about the British composer Henry Purcell and complete it with the statements (a—g).



Henry Purcell was born in 1659 in London. After his father he became a chorister, (1) ... . The talented boy started (2) ... . He composed the music to the works by the most prominent (3) ... . His compositions contain songs and choruses which never fail to please, (4) ... .

At the age of 21, Henry Purcell was appointed organist of Westminster Abbey. It was the most honourable position an English musician (5) ... . For six years Purcell devoted himself almost completely to the composition of religious music. At the same time he wrote the musical drama *Dido* [ˈdaɪdə] and *Aeneas* [iːˈni:əs], which became two of (6) ... . In it there is not a word of spoken dialogue and the music is full of inspiration. The opera was very popular among private circles.

But Purcell's greatest work is considered to be *Te Deum* [ˈter ˈdeɪəm], a religious (7) ... , composed with orchestral accompaniment. It was so perfect that in the years to come it was annually performed in St Paul's Cathedral.

Purcell died in 1695 and was buried under the organ in Westminster Abbey.

- a) could occupy at that time
- b) hymn praising God
- c) a singer in the Chapel Royal
- d) even at the present day
- e) composing music at the age of nine
- f) poets of his time
- g) the first real operas in England

Task 2.

Complete the text with the appropriate grammar forms of the words on the right.

Americans often go out for the evening. Where they (1) ... , and what they (2) ...? The theatres on Broadway have some of the (3) ... (4) ... , and (5) ... shows in the world. However, you don't have to be in New York to see a Broadway show. Many of the shows go on tours to theatres across the country. In many theatres in the US you can sit at tables, eat dinner and then watch the show. This (6) ... "dinner theatre". It's (7) ... , of course, to go to the movies. Even small towns have at least one movie theatre (8) ... the (9) ... movies. In (10) ... cities there are theatres showing (11) ... movies and foreign movies too.

- go
- do
- big, bright, good
- call
- cheap
- show, late, big
- old

Task 3.

Complete the text with the derivatives of the words on the right.

Japan's nuclear crisis happened in 2011 after an (1) ... at the Fukushima nuclear power station. The vessel contacting the nuclear core at one of the (2) ...s was damaged. There was a fire at some others and a large amount of (3) ... material got into the air according to the statements of (4) ... officials and the (5) ... of the country. That (6) ... accident was the worst since the (7) ... events at the Chernobyl reactor a quarter of a century ago.



- explode
- react
- radioactivity
- Japan
- govern, disaster
- tragedy

Task 4.

You have received a letter from your English-speaking friend. In his letter he writes:

I'm so glad you are coming to Britain in the summer. It will be great to show you my favourite places in London and spend some time with you. I listen to rock music fairly often. My favourite kind of music is heavy metal. Heavy metal is very loud rock music but my friends and me are fond of it. Do you listen to music much? What kind of music do you prefer? Who are your favourite musicians?

Write a letter to Robin. In your letter:

- answer his questions
- ask him three questions about the films he has lately seen