

8.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking giving your impressions of an event

- 1a** Complete the conversation between Chris (C), Emma (E), Joe (J) and Sarah (S) with suitable words. The first letter is given.
- C So what did you think of the sculptures?
- E I loved them. They were very ¹ *inspiring* and I really liked the ² w_____ that art and nature combined to produce such a ³ s_____ landscape.
- C Exactly. And what I ⁴ p_____ liked was seeing how each one was just a little bit different because of how the weather has changed them.
- E Yes, me too. It was definitely ⁵ w_____ seeing it, wasn't it? Yes, and wasn't it wonderful when the sun started to set behind them? For me that was the ⁶ h_____.
- C What did you make of them, Joe?
- J Mmm ... I wasn't ⁷ t_____ impressed by them, to be honest. I didn't really see the ⁸ p_____ of them. Just a bunch of statues standing in the sea ...
- E How can you say that?
- J I don't know - they just didn't live up to my ⁹ e_____. Also, it was much too cold for my ¹⁰ l_____. Maybe that's why I didn't appreciate them.
- E Er, what about you, Sarah?
- S I liked them, but I ¹¹ f_____ them a bit disturbing.
- E That's what the artist was trying to do, I think - provoke different reactions in people.

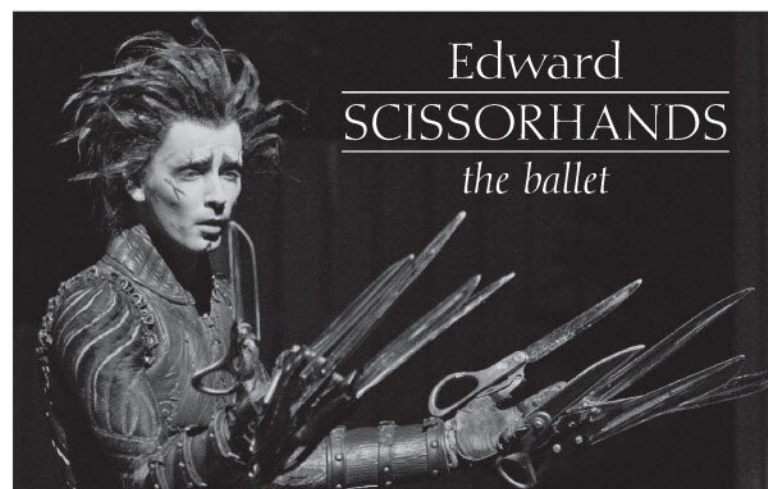
- b** **8.4**))) Listen to the conversation in exercise **1a** and check your answers.



Writing writing a review

- 2** Complete the review with words from the box.

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When a friend bought tickets for the ballet *Edward Scissorhands*, ¹ *based* on the 1990 film ² _____ Johnny Depp, I didn't expect I'd enjoy it. I couldn't imagine being engaged by a show without dialogue or song. However, I was captivated from start to finish.

The choreography, the set and the costumes were stunning and the talent of the dancers was breathtaking. I was transported into a different world. Despite not saying a single word, the dancers were able to bring to life the story of Edward Scissorhands, a young man ³ _____ by an inventor who dies, ⁴ _____ him alone in the world to navigate the challenges posed by having only scissors for hands.

At times there was so much ⁵ _____ on the stage that it was difficult to know where to look - characters ⁶ _____ into swimming pools, rollerbladers dancing - but this added to the magic of the show.

I would recommend this show to anybody not ⁷ _____ by ballet. You will see it in a different light!

- 3** Add the following punctuation to sentences 1-3: comma (,), quotation marks (') and colon (:).

- The only word to describe the show is breathtaking.
- I've seen two ballets before *Swan Lake* and *Cinderella*.
- The show is on tour in Europe America and Asia.

I can ...

give my impressions of an event.

Very well Quite well More practice

write a review.