



Opera

Conversation > Intermediate 6



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

consist of	To be made up of.
[phrasal verb]	<i>Ex: This cathedral will consist of eighteen towers when it is completed.</i>

atmosphere	The feeling that exists in a place or at an event.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The atmosphere in the office was lively.</i>

duet	A piece of music sung or played by two people.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Duets are usually about love.</i>

spectator	A person who is watching an event or a game.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The spectators were greatly disappointed in the game's result.</i>



cast	All the actors in a play or movie.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Tom Hardy is a member of the cast.</i>

incredibly	Extremely.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: Opera is incredibly beautiful.</i>

perhaps	Maybe.
[adverb]	<i>Ex: They perhaps had too many drinks.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

David: What are you looking at, Hannah?

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

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

Hannah: You've got it. He is incredibly good. I have been listening to his songs for ages.

David: Wow! You're a big fan of his.



Hannah: Do you want to come with me to the opera, perhaps?

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

Hannah: Opera consists of dramatic songs that are sung solo or in a duet.

David: That sounds interesting, however, why do spectators enjoy opera?

Hannah: The atmosphere, volume, and rhythm are always changing. That's why they enjoy it.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

consists of

duet

cast

atmosphere

spectators

Perhaps

incredibly

1. After the final performance the director threw a party for the _____.
2. They were singing in a _____.
3. I didn't expect this exam to be _____ difficult.
4. _____ you left your wallet in the restaurant.
5. The relaxed _____ of the meeting made the negotiations easier.
6. The _____ were all excited over the victory of their favorite team.
7. The human heart _____ several parts that work together.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You won two tickets to the opera. Persuade your friend John to go with you. The teacher can be John.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

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?