

*You have a friend Terry, who lives in Canada. Usually, she does not go to the theatre, saying it is a waste of time and money. Recently, you have seen a play called Beauty and the Beast and were very impressed by it.*

*Write a letter to Terry, explaining why you liked this play and suggesting that she should see it. In your letter, concentrate on persuading her to see the play. Discuss at least three strong reasons why it is worthwhile to do so.*

Hi Terry,

How are you? I heard that you're not used to going to the theatre owing to the time and money spent but actually, numerous plays performed in theatres are tremendously impressive and marvelous. To illustrate, I've watched a play called 'Beauty and the Beast' which entirely grabbed me by the throat. Hence, let me tell you why I liked it and recommend you getting used to watching a play with three reasons.

The play created an atmosphere that we were easily drawn into the story. While the princess was slowly walking through a forest, the light started to dim and the sound produced wasn't vibrant. It looked like as if we were in the forest too.

Also, the characters were humorous. Not only did they dress up weirdly, but they also made jokes to gratify us as if they were clowns. Besides, they're unquestionably interactive. Sometimes, they played games with us and asked us a few questions. This is what we can't do when we watch a play through TV. That's why you must watch it in person.

Having seen the play, I'd like to change your mind towards plays. First and foremost, a mood from watching plays in theatres is distinct. By using different sound and light effects, we can easily get into the story and have the same feeling as the character. If a character is in a haunted house, the light will be darker in a quiet condition, and we will feel intimidated as if we watch a horror film! So it will be an unforgettable and massive experience for you because it can create an unusual atmosphere and help you get rid of pressure.

Second, characters are enormously humorous. Don't think that watching a play is as tedious as attending a lesson as most of them love gratifying the audience by punch lines, foolish body movements and exaggerating expressions. For example, although a story is set a hundred years ago, the characters use advanced gadgets such as iPhone 4, computer, etc. as their props, which are in fact invented recently! This will surprise

the audience and we will feel relaxed and delighted while watching the play, so you'd better watch it in person.

Last but not least, a play usually interacts with the audience. In spite of setting in theatres, characters usually ask us a few questions about the story and willingly invite some of us to perform on stage together. For instance, the character asked us where his girlfriend was, and then we needed to answer him and helped him find his girlfriend. You could enjoy the play very much. Also, you will have golden opportunities to communicate with the characters! So why don't you go to the theatre and watch your favourite play?

I hope that these reasons will change your mind towards watching a play. I'm pretty sure that it's not a waste of time and money but it provides a glut of relaxation and pleasure. I know that a play called 'Unusual Schoolboy' will be performed next Monday in Canada by professional actors. If you decide to watch it, do drop me a line and tell me how amazing it is.

Best wishes,  
Chris