

**theatre**

[ˈθiətə] *n*

1. театр
  - open air theatre - театр на открытом воздухе
  - arena theatre = theatre-in-the-round
  - theatre of the absurd [of cruelty] - театр абсурда [жестокости]
  - theatre of fact - исторический театр (*ставящий пьесы на темы новейшей истории, часто с привлечением реальных документов эпохи*)
  - theatre director - директор театра
  - theatre life - театральная жизнь
  - theatre bill - театральная афиша
  - to go to the theatre - ходить в театр, идти в театр
  - to frequent theatres - ходить в театр, быть театралом
2. *обыкн. sing*
  - 1) театральное искусство; театр
    - the Greek [the modern] theatre - греческий [современный] театр
    - to be interested in the theatre - интересоваться театром
  - 2) драматические произведения
    - Goethe's [Dryden's] theatre - театр Гёте [Драйдена]
3. сценические эффекты; режиссура; сценическое искусство
  - the play was /made/ good theatre - пьеса была сценична; пьеса была хорошо поставлена
4. аудитория, зрители
  - the theatre greeted the author with applause - зрители встретили автора аплодисментами
5. аудитория, демонстрационный зал; операционная (*мж. operating theatre*)
  - lecture theatre - лекционный зал, аудитория
  - theatre sister - операционная сестра
  - theatre super intendent - старшая операционная сестра
6. 1) поле действий; поприще
  - they are just actors in the theatre of public life - они всего лишь актёры на общественном поприще /на подмостках общественной деятельности/
  - the town was the theatre of his early triumphs - этот город был свидетелем его первых триумфов /успехов/
  - Europe was the theatre of the First World War - первая мировая война разыгралась в Европе
- 2) *воен. театр*
  - theatre of war /of operations/ - театр военных действий, фронт

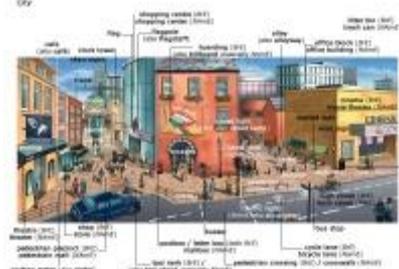
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**theatre** [theatre theatres] (especially US theater) BrE [ˈθiətə(r)]<sup>u</sup> NAmE

[ˈθiəˌtɪə] noun

1. **countable** a building or an outdoor area where plays and similar types of entertainment are performed
  - Broadway theatres
  - an open-air theatre
  - How often do you **go to the theatre** ?



- see also** ↑lecture theatre
2. (also 'movie theater') (both NAmE) (BrE cinema) **countable** a building in which films/movies are shown
  3. **uncountable** plays considered as entertainment
    - an evening of live music and theatre
    - (BrE) I like music, theatre and cinema.
    - current ideas about what makes good theatre (= what makes good entertainment when performed)
  4. **uncountable** (also **the theatre singular**) the work of writing, producing and acting in plays
    - I want to work in theatre.
    - He was essentially a man of the theatre.
  5. **countable, uncountable** (BrE) = ↑operating theatre
    - a theatre sister (= a nurse who helps during operations)
    - He's still **in theatre** .
  6. **countable, usually singular** ~ (of war, etc.) (formal) the place in which a war or fighting takes place
    - an intelligence officer in the Pacific theatre
- See also: ↑cinema ▪ ↑movie theater ▪ ↑theater

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French, or from Latin theatrum, from Greek theatron, from theasthai 'behold' .

### Example Bank:

- He wants to go into the theatre when he finishes university.
- He writes the sort of dialogue that makes good theatre.
- He's already been taken to theatre for the operation.
- His speech was a great piece of political theatre.
- I haven't been to the theatre for a long time.
- She was in the operating theatre for two hours.
- The Chancellor's speech was an absorbing piece of political theatre.
- The city's first purpose-built theatre is nearing completion.
- The pier has a unique little puppet theatre.
- The theatre was packed for the opening night.
- There was some good fringe theatre at the festival.
- There's a bar in the theatre.
- We saw some good street theatre while we were in Paris.
- We were at the theatre last night.
- an hour-long theatre piece
- the Toronto theatre scene
- How often do you go to the theatre?
- She left the theatre a few minutes after the curtain fell.
- The play challenges current ideas about what makes good theatre.
- an evening of music and theatre

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**theatre** **S2 W2 BrE** **AmE** *British English*, **theater** *American English* /'θi:ətə \$ -ər/ **noun**

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: theatre, from Latin, from Greek theatron, from theasthai 'to watch']

**1. BUILDING [countable]** a building or place with a stage where plays and shows are performed:

- an open-air theatre (=a theatre that is outside)
- the Mercury Theater

**2. PLAYS [uncountable]**

**a) plays as a form of entertainment:**

I enjoy theater and swimming.

**the theatre**

- He's really interested in literature and the theatre.
- Yeats' plays are great poetry but they are not good theatre (=good entertainment).

**b) the work of acting in, writing, or organizing plays:**

classes in theater and music

**in the theatre**

- She's been working in the theatre over thirty years.

**3. PLACE TO SEE A FILM [countable] American English** a building where films are shown **SYN movie theater American English, cinema British English:**

- 'Bambi' was the first movie I ever saw in the theater.

**4. HOSPITAL [uncountable and countable] British English** a special room in a hospital where medical operations are done **SYN operating room American English**

**in theatre**

- Marilyn is still in theatre.

**5. WAR [countable] formal** a large area where a war is being fought:

- the Pacific theater during World War II

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### THESAURUS

- **stage** the raised area on which the actors, musicians etc perform: He came on stage to rapturous applause. | The band will appear live on stage for the first time in three years.
- **the stalls British English, the orchestra American English** the lower level of seats: He had a seat in the stalls. | We paid \$100 for a seat in the orchestra.
- **the circle British English, the balcony** the higher level of seats: They were sitting in the balcony.
- **the orchestra pit** the space below the stage where the musicians sit: The actress fell into the orchestra pit.
- **box office** the place in a theatre where you buy tickets: Collect your tickets at the box office.
- **programme British English, program American English** a small book that you buy when you go to the theatre that gives information about the play and the performers: His name is not in the programme. | Do you want me to buy you a program?
- **interval British English, intermission BrE formal and American English** a short period of time between the parts of a play or show when the audience can talk or have a drink: We got a drink in the interval.

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