

Answer key

Comprehension 2

- 1 i) advertisement
ii) forget
iii) like
iv) seen
- 2 i) lodge
ii) postponement
iii) complimentary
iv) wondering
- 3 to complain about the lateness of the performance (*any reasonable response*)
- 4 i) explain the reasons for the postponement
ii) offer complimentary refreshments
- 5 there were technical problems with the sound system
- 6 i) They continued as if nothing had happened.
ii) They should have restated the performance.
- 7 The problems with the sound system had caused them to be unable to follow the plot of the musical, so when the circus act appeared, they were uncertain how it was related to the musical. (*any reasonable answer*)
- 8 thunderous
- 9 No, she did not believe that the falling curtain was part of the performance. She says that she knew the stage manager was lying about this because of 'the startled looks on the performers' faces'. (*any reasonable answer*)
- 10 i) the advertisement (from her local paper) for the musical
ii) She says this because she will remember the performance, and how it was different from other shows, but for negative reasons instead of positive ones. (*any reasonable answer*)
- 11 because she does not want to see another terrible show like that (*any reasonable answer*)
- 12 i) (blank)
ii) ✓
iii) ✓
iv) (blank)
- 13 i) Fact
ii) Opinion
iii) Fact
iv) Opinion
v) Opinion
- 14 i) D
ii) B
iii) A
iv) C
- 15 Yes, I think the organizers should give her a full refund. There were many problems with the performance, and offering a refund will ensure that Aunt Victoria does not have a negative impression of the company./No, I do

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not think the organizers should offer her a full refund. Aunt Victoria was not the only person affected, and the company cannot afford to give a refund to each audience member. Instead, they should offer half of her money back. *(any reasonable response)*