

Visual Story
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This step-by-step guide is aimed for our visitors with a variety of additional needs, this guide helps them to understand what to expect when they visit.

I am going to see a show at Blackpool’s Grand Theatre



When we get inside The Grand it may be busy, so I will need to be patient and calm. I can take slow easy breaths.



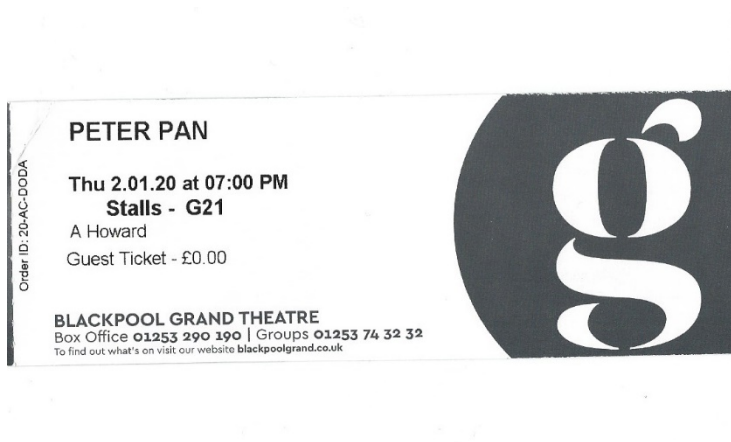
My seats are in a place called the Stalls, Dress Circle or Gallery. To get to my seats I may have to climb a few stairs or use a chair lift.



When we get to our area, we will need to show our tickets to a member of theatre staff who will look like this.



They will look at our tickets and tell us where we need to go. The letters and numbers on our tickets tell us where we have to sit. We are not allowed to just sit where we like.



Then we go into the theatre, It may be busy so I must be patient and calm, the theatre is big and there is a lot of seats.



My seat will look like this, but I must make sure it is the right one.



Before we take our seats, I can use the toilet. There is also a break half way through the show. If I need to use the toilet, I can ask the person I'm with.



If I can't see the stage clearly, I can ask the person I am with to ask for a booster seat to sit on.



When it is time for the show to start the lights will dim and it will get darker, I need to stay calm. A voice will be heard telling everyone to switch off their phones. Everyone needs to be quiet the show is about to start.



When the show starts, I will see people come onto the stage, there may be bright lights and loud music. I will be as quiet I can so I can hear everything.



Sometimes, part of the show can be loud. If it bothers me, I should stay calm and I can put my hands over my ears.



In the middle of the show there is a break, this is called an Interval. I can use the toilet or buy a snack. The break is usually 20minutes long so there's no rush. It may be busy, so I need to stay calm and breath slowly.



After the Interval everyone will return to their same seats, I need to make sure I sit in the same seat again. Once everyone is sat it will get dark and quiet again just like at the beginning.



At the end of the show the actors who have been performing will all come out onto the stage and take a bow. Many people may stand, clap or cheer/whistle. This is to show the actors how much everyone enjoyed the show.



If I want to clap I can. If the clapping is too loud, I can just cover my ears.



After the show has finished all the people may rush to leave, I should stay in my seat and wait a little while and let them go first. Then when it is quieter, I can take my time and leave with no rush.



I am so excited to visit The Grand – I can't wait and now I know what to expect on my visit. If I feel scared at any time, I can tell the person I am with quietly and most of all stay calm.

