



# Unit 3

## Drama

All the world is a stage.

整个世界就是一个舞台

---- William Shakespeare

艺术英语视听说

Part I : Before Class



Part II: In Class

Section One:  
What do you know about drama?  
Section Two:  
Famous Dramatists  
Section Three:  
Musicals  
Section Four:  
Chinese Opera

Part III: After Class

Speaking Activity  
Listening Activity  
Watching Activity



1. Do you like drama?

1. a) I am fond of drama.

b) That is to say, I cannot imagine what my life would be without drama.

2. What kind of drama do you like? Why?

2. a) If I had to describe a kind of drama that I like, I would say that it is musical.

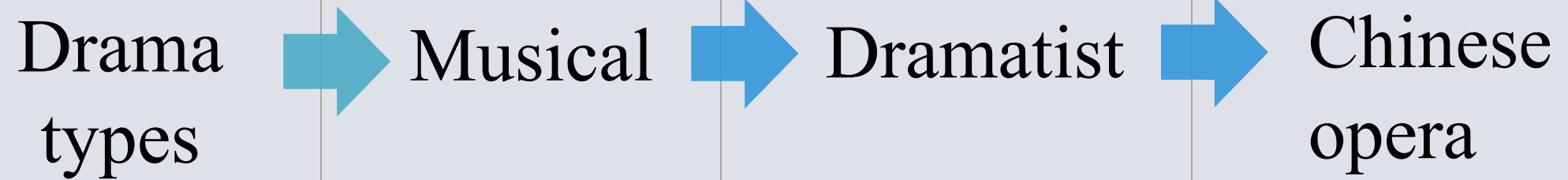
b) Because it relaxes me so much.


3. What role do you think theater plays in our life?

3. a) I believe drama plays an important role in our life.

b) For example, it can sooth our wounded hearts, and also raises our spirits.

Discuss these topics with your classmates.





## Part II: In Class

**What Do you  
Know about  
Drama**

**Section One**

**Famous  
Dramatists**

**Section Two**

**Musicals**

**Section Three**

**Chinese  
Opera**

**Section Four**



## Part II: In Class

### **What Do you Know about Drama**

#### **Section One**

### **Famous Dramatists**

#### **Section Two**

### **Musicals**

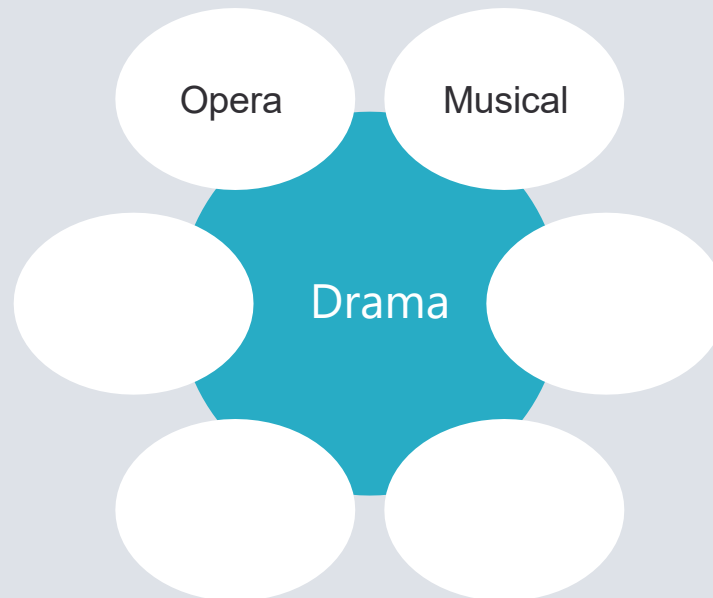
#### **Section Three**

### **Chinese Opera**

#### **Section Four**

# Speaking

A. Oscar Wilde once regarded the drama as the greatest of all art forms. Do you know the types of drama?



# Speaking

B. Two students are talking about their drama classes. Pay attention to the underlined parts and make dialogues by using the given alternatives.

**Tom:** Hi, Robert! Long time no see! How is your summer holiday?

**Robert:** I couldn't feel better. By the way, our drama classes have been on-line to choose.

Have you made up your mind?

**Tom:** You know, I am crazy about dancing and singing, so musical class is firmly my top choice.

How about you?

**Robert:** I haven't decided yet. Maybe I will select Chinese Opera. Since I came to China,

these kind of traditional art forms have been appealing to me.

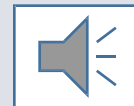
**Tom:** That sounds great! I hope you can learn a lot this term.

# Speaking

## Alternatives for Making Dialogues

opera	attractive be adept in singing
dance drama	be fascinated with dance
modern play	be hooked on acting
puppet play	be curious about puppet

# Listening



A. Listen to part of an introduction about World Theatre Day(世界戏剧日) and choose the right answers.

(1) World Theatre Day was created C

A. in 1963      B. in 1960      C. in 1961

(2) The first message is given by a A poet, Jean Cocteau.

A. French      B. British      C. German

(3) Which statements are true according to the speaker? B

A. World Theatre Day is celebrated on April 27.

B. A leading figure in the world theatre will give a public speaking on World Theatre Day.

C. World Theatre day is specialized for the politicians.



# Listenin



a

celebrate chance occasion put on between message create power

World Theatre Day was (1) created in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute. It is (2) celebrated every year on March 27 by theatre companies around the world. Theatre groups of all kinds (3) put on special performances and events to mark the day. The most important event is the (4) message given by a leading figure in world theatre. The first message was given by the French poet, novelist and film maker Jean Cocteau. World Theatre Day is also an (5) occasion for actors, playwrights and directors to celebrate the (6) power of the performing arts and how they bring people together. It is also a good (7) chance for artists to show the world how theatre can and does create peace (8) between people.

# Listening



## Word Bank

attractive  
hook  
occasion  
create  
perform

吸引人的  
钩子  
场合  
创造  
表演

fascinate  
adept  
put on  
novelist  
playwright

对...着迷  
擅长  
呈现  
小说家  
剧作家

## Part II: In Class

**What Do You  
Know About  
Drama?**

**Section One**

**Famous  
Dramatists**

**Section Two**

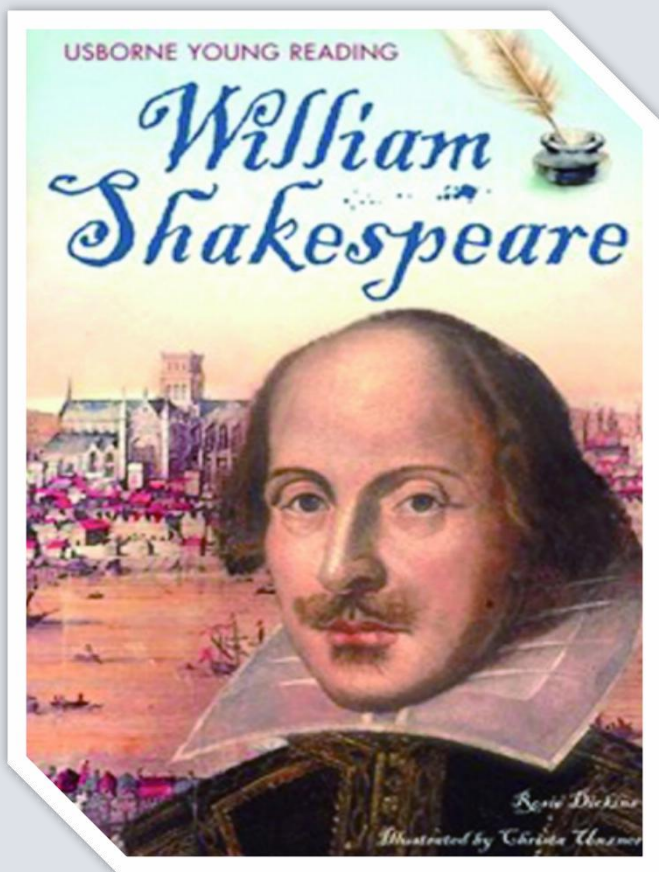
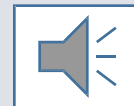
**Musicals**

**Section Three**

**Chinese  
Opera**

**Section Four**

# Listening



**A.** You will watch a video clip about William Shakespeare and answer following questions.

(1) What did Shakespeare's father do? **C**

A. He was a wood cutter.

B. He was a farmer.

C. He was a glove-maker.

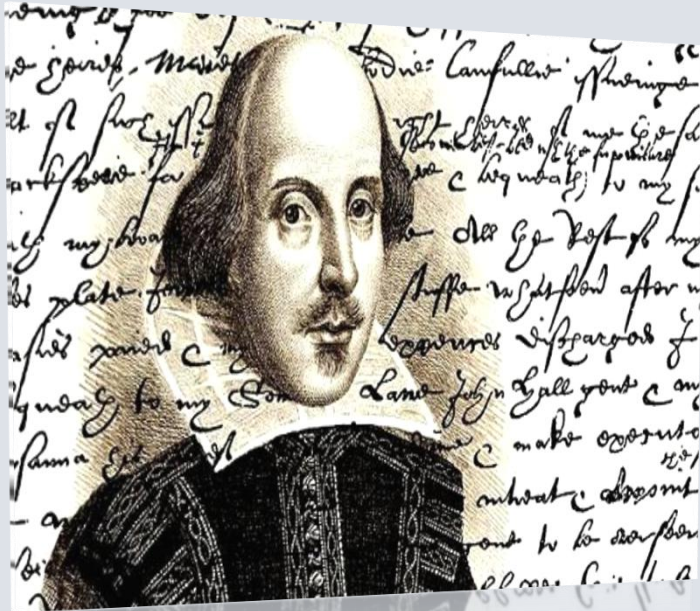
(2) Which statement is true about the Globe referred in the clip? **C**

A. The Globe was a theater built by the local people.

B. The Globe had a closed roof so the audiences wouldn't get wet when it rained.

C. When a performance was on, there was a flag flying on the Globe roof.

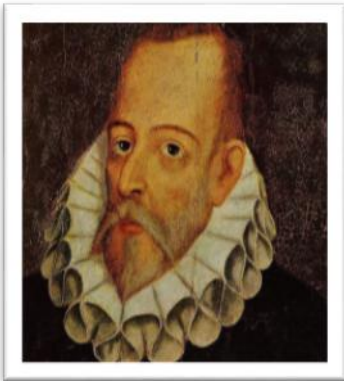
# Listening



B. Listen to it again and decide whether the following statements are True (T) or False (F).

- (1) **F** William Shakespeare got married at 28.
- (2) **F** Girls were allowed to perform on the stage in Shakespeare period.
- (3) **T** The Globe had to be closed because of the Black Death.

# Speaking



A. Look at the pictures of several famous dramatists. Ask and answer questions about them with your partner and complete the table.

Where is he/she from?

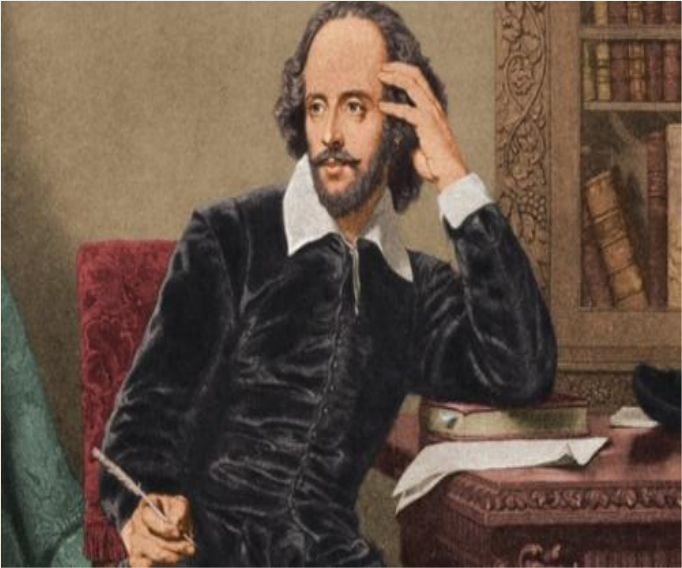
When was he/she born?

What is his/her masterpiece?

Talk about a typical figure in his/ her masterpieces

Name	Nationality	Date of Birth	Masterpiece	Typical Figure
Lao She	Chinese	February 3rd, 1899	<i>Teahouse</i>	Wang Lifa selfish and slippery

# Speaking



B. Try to introduce a dramatist by making a short presentation to your classmates. Please refer to the following example and pay attention to the bold words.

William Shakespeare was an English poet and playwright, **widely regarded as** the greatest writer in the English language and the world's **preeminent** dramatist. He is often called England's national poet and the "Bard of Avon" (or simply "The Bard"). He had a **representative** of the four major tragedy "Hamlet" and "Othello" and "King Lear" and "Macbeth". The most well-known words "To be or not to be – that is a question" from "Hamlet" gives us **a deep impression** of being a man who is incapable of action.



# Speaking

3. Fun time. Guess the meaning of the phrases coined by Shakespeare.

(1) He is the nicest person I've ever met in my life—he *has a heart of gold*.

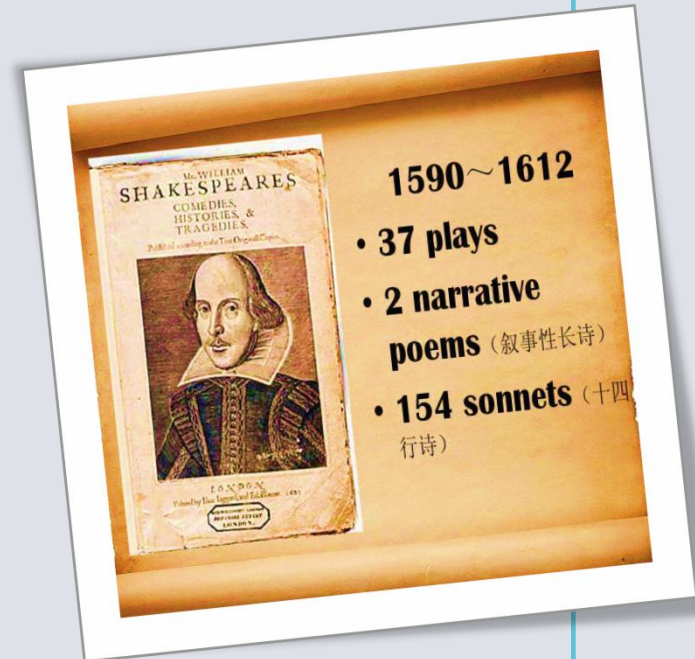
*have a heart of gold* : be kind-hearted


(2) He forgot the lyrics during the singing contest and that's made him a *laughing stock* ever since.

*laughing stock* : joke

(3) Sally can't even hurt a fly— she's full of the *milk of human kindness*.

*milk of human kindness*: be full of sympathy





## Part II: In Class

**What Do You  
Know About  
Drama**

**Section One**

**Famous  
Dramatists**

**Section Two**

**Musicals**

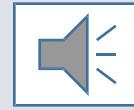
**Section Three**

**Chinese  
Opera**

**Section Four**



# Listening



A. You will watch a video clip about Broadway musical and answer the following questions.

(1) Musical is so special for their ability to incorporate with     **C**     into the show.

- A. classical music      B. folk music      C. popular music

(2)     **B**    , a new genre called jukebox musicals became popular.

- A. In the early 1970s  
B. In the middle 1970s  
C. In the late 1970s

(3) Another thing to make musical special and popular is the     **A**    .

- A. stories  
B. dances  
C. performances



# Listening

relive

horror

original

evil fun

story

enduring

pain

Another thing that makes musical so special is their (1) stories. Musicals are a chance to create and perform an (2) original story for the audience to experience. With musicals you can experience (3) horror in the Phantom of the Opera, you can feel (4) pain through revolution like Les Miserable. You can (5) relive in Disney Classics with The Lion King or Aladdin learning a different side of (6) evil in Wicked or you can have (7) fun learning about the founding fathers in the American Revolution through the hit sensation Hamilton. There are so many musicals to choose from which always make musical theatre one of the most (8) enduring genres of music ever.

# Listening

## Word Bank

incorporate

吸收、包含

jukebox

点唱机

audience

观众

relive

重现

sensation

感觉

genre

(文学、艺术) 类型

effective

有效的

horror

恐怖

revolution

革命

enduring

持久的

# Speaking

A. Do you know these typical musicals? Match the names with the descriptions.

《*Cats*》

《*The Butterfly Lovers*》

《*Rent*》

《*My Fair Lady*》

《*The Phantom of the Opera*》

- (1) It details the struggles of a group of young friends under the shadow of HIV aids in the New York City in the late-1980s, early- 1990s. . 《*Rent*》
- (2) It tells a story of love, kidnapping and murder in a theater of Paris. . 《*The Phantom of Opera*》
- (3) It presents a Cockney flower girl who was turned into a “proper lady “in three months. 《*My Fair Lady*》
- (4) It is based on a Chinese folk love story of Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai. . 《*The Butterfly Lovers*》
- (5) It shows us a Jellicle cat tribe with unique individual personalities. 《*Cats*》

# Speaking

**B.** Two students are talking about their favorite musicals. Read and practice the conversation with your partner. Then make your own ones by using the given alternatives.

**Li Mei:** Hi, Tom. How do you like your musical class?

**Tom:** Well. I feel so excited, because not only there are many different courses prepared for us but also, I can learn several classical musical works.

**Li Mei:** Wow, wonderful! Then what's your favorite musical?

**Tom:** Definitely, I love "*Cats*" most. You know, it is the most well-known and popular musical around the world.

**Li Mei:** Then who is the luckiest dog finally?

**Tom:** It is Grizabella, who was once left the tribe when she was younger to see the world outside, sang a song named "Memory" and moved all the cats.

**Li Mei:** Memory? I've heard that before. I know the lyrics and melody is so touching. No wonder she could be chosen to Heaven.

**Tom:** You're right. But the most impressive part is that it reflects the humanity of our real world. So, you will be deeply attracted and moved by this musical.

**Li Mei:** Really? Now I can't wait to watch it tonight.

**Tom:** Trust me, you will love it!

# Speaking

## Alternatives for Making Dialogues

《 <i>The Sound of Music</i> 》	Leading role is Maria starred by Julie Andrews
	presents a history of the von Trapp family which is not wholly accurate.
	The movie won the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1965
	contains many popular songs, including “Edelweiss”, “Do, Re, Me” and so on
	expresses deep love for the county, Austria and freedom
《 <i>Butterflies</i> 》	a typical Chinese original Musical
	based on a Chinese folk love story of Liang Shanbo and Zhu Yingtai
	Tells a love tragedy in a tribe who are half human beings and half butterflies lived in the end of world to seek for being real humankind <u>by hook or by crook</u> (注释: 不择手段)
	“Heart “
	sounds sad but powerful
	shows the lovers ‘misery of departure but insistence and loyalty of the love.

## Part II: In Class

### **What Do You Know About Drama?**

#### **Section One**

### **Famous Dramatists**

#### **Section Two**

### **Musicals**

#### **Section Three**

### **Chinese Operas**

#### **Section Four**

# Listening



A. You are going to listen to a Peking Opera performer narrating the journey of Peking Opera. Listen and answer the following questions.

(1) Why didn't the author give up Peking Opera when less and less audience focused on it at the end of 1980s?

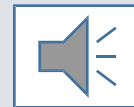
**Because Peking Opera is a gem of traditional Chinese culture.**

(2) What brings the new prosperity of Peking Opera nowadays?

**Internet and social media apps bring the new prosperity nowadays.**



# Listening



## B. Listen to it again and fill in the blanks.

I'm a Peking Opera performer who has been (1) active on stage for many years. As time went by, our audience grew from those sitting in the theater into a larger crowd of people. Our stage also changed (2) expanding from beyond the theaters to black-and-white TV.

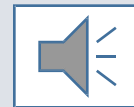
“I am in black and white?”

Ooh, the movements are much lifelike and (3) natural. Then more and more TV sets found their way into homes of Chinese people. So did we.

We reclaimed our brilliant hues back at the end of the 1980s with the invention of (4) color TV. After that, blockbuster TV series, movies and singing shows appeared as the entertainment industry boomed. Meanwhile, our (5) popularity dwindled just as quickly.

“Audiences don't like us anymore. Our performances no longer have any meaning.”

# Listening



## B. Listen to it again and fill in the blanks.

I didn't know how to console him but to (6) keep on performing. Our performances might not be the instant internet sensation. But they had been telling the story of the people and are a gem of traditional Chinese culture.

We never stopped honing every aspect of our work throughout the next decade. Slowly, more people found us and started watching our performances on the (7) internet. Social media apps provided a growing list of new venues. Another exciting change happened with audiences. They began hailing from all walks of life (8) as well as different continents. Some even wanted to join us (9) on stage, so we held performances and workshops in different parts of the world.

In the future, we would like to bring the (10) wonder of Peking Opera to more people around the world.

# Listening



## Word Bank

expand

扩张

reclaim

恢复

hue

色调

blockbuster 非常成功的书（电影）

繁荣

boom

dwindle

减少

console

安慰根茎

gem

磨练

hone

场地、会所

venue

# Speaking

A. Li Mei and Robert are talking about Chinese Opera.  
Pay close attention to the bold letter.

Li Mei: Robert, I'm so surprised you choose Chinese Opera for optional class. Are you interested in that?

Robert: Of course. Peking Opera **is kind of symbol of China**. I suppose most foreigners would be curious about it.

Li Mei: I agree. What do you think of Peking Opera?

Robert: Well, it is an **admirable** art but **a bit difficult and abstract to understand**.

Li Mei: So it is. That's because Chinese Opera **stems from** the traditions and customs dating back as far as the twelfth century.

Robert: Oh, I don't know that. But the facial painting **impresses** me a lot.

Li Mei: That's another **unique** part. And it requires distinctive techniques of painting.

Robert: Wow! You are a real expert on it. Listen, let's go to see a Peking Opera together some time!

Li Mei: No problem!

# Speaking

## Alternatives for Making Dialogues

The Facial Painting	It is the symbol of Chinese opera.
	It reflects personality, character, age, status and others.
	People paint colors directly on their faces.
The Role Type For Peking Opera	Sheng, Dan, Jing, Mo, and Chou
	The male Dan is the unique art performing of Chinese opera and is also an important carrier of Peking opera performing characteristic.
	Mei Lanfang 《Farewell My Concubine》
Huagu Opera	It is very popular and easy to understand with Hunan dialects.
	It mainly describes the local people's daily life and the eternal topic--love.
	The melody is very active and bright and the rhythm fast performed with Datong, a unique musical instrument in Hunan.

A. Listen and match the character and the related makeup.

## The colors of Beijing opera facial makeup

Guan Yu

Zhang Fei

Cao Cao

1



2



3



# Listening



Lead in视频链接

B. Listen to it again and fill in the table.

**Red** is used to portray a loyal, valiant and righteous character, Guan Yu a general from the Three Kingdom, is a good example of the kind of character.

**White** highlight the bad of human nature, it suggest dishonest and betrayal. One of the typical white-faced characters is Cao Cao, a cruel prime minister from the Three Kingdom Period.

**Black** face paint is usually used for someone who is fierce and violent. One example is General Zhang Fei from the classic novel Romance of the three kingdoms

All these different colors are used in Beijing Opera facial painting which reflects the clear picture of each character.

# Speaking



Lead in 视频链接

According to the above listening on the facial makeup of Peking Opera, make dialogue with you partner.

A: Do you know Guan Yu?

B: Yes, he is the ....

A: In Peking Opera, what color is Guan Yu's makeup?

B:.....

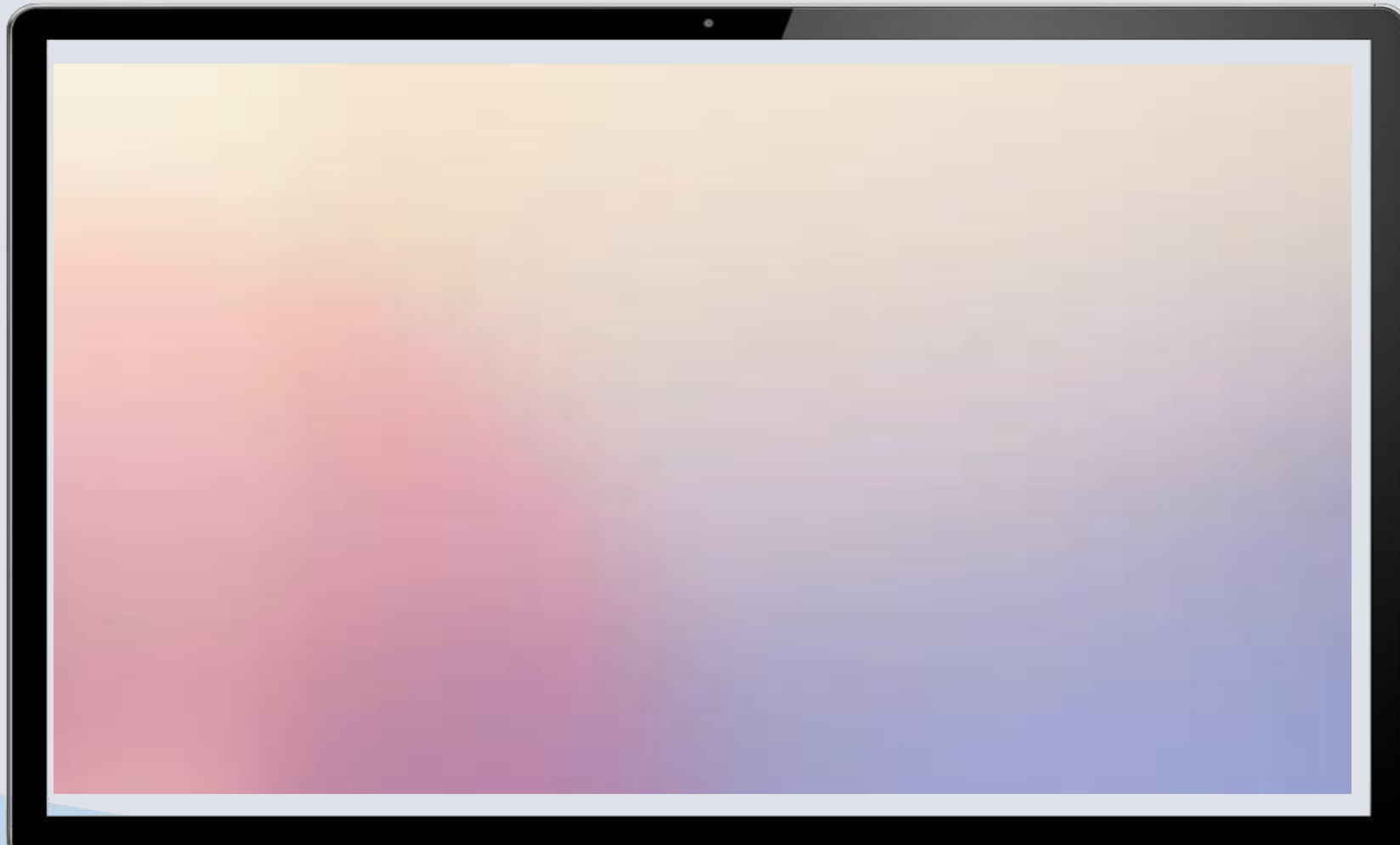
A: What does the color reflect... ?





# Watching

Watch a script of the musical cats, listen and learn the song memory.



## Memory

### Memory

Turn your face to the moonlight

Let your memory lead you

Open up enter in

If you find there

The meaning of what (1) happiness is

Then a new life

Will begin

### Memory

All alone in the moonlight

I can (2) smile at the old days

I was beautiful then

I remember

The time I knew what happiness was

Let the memory

Live again

Burn out ends of the (3) smokey days

The stale cold smell of morning

The street lamp dies

Another night is over

Another day is dawning

### Daylight

I must wait for the sunrise

I must think of new life

And I mustn't (4) give in

When the dawn comes

Tonight will be a (5) memory too

And a new day will begin

Sunlight through the trees in summer

Endless (6) masquerading

Like a flower as the dawn breaking

The memory is (7) fading

Touch me

It's so easy to leave me all alone with the memory

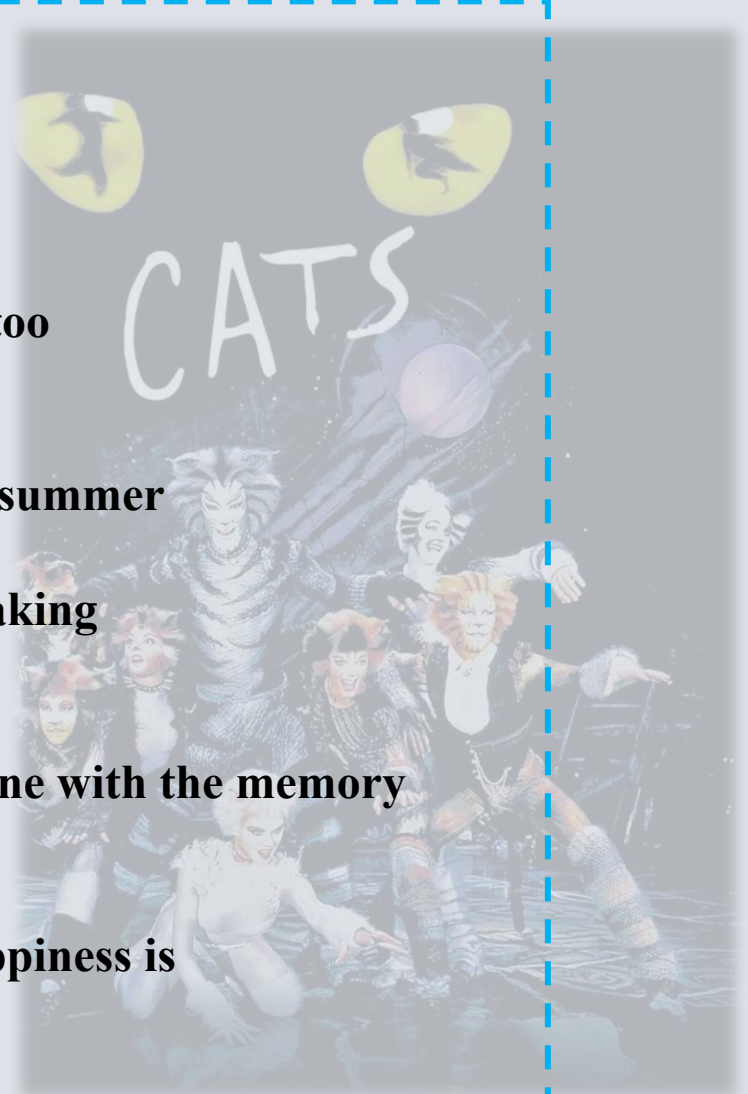
Of my days in the sun

If you touch me

You'll (8) understand what happiness is

Look

A new day has begun



Thank you

