

## From Screen to Stage

### 从银幕到舞台

英语学习点: *Musical Theatre* 音乐舞台剧

Showbiz is a tough world – even if you are a superhero.

A stage musical about Spider-Man has finally opened on Broadway to mixed reviews.

Critics praised the cast but blasted other aspects of the production, which had been delayed six times because of technical problems and injuries.



*The Edge and Bono wrote the music for 'Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark'*

The Hollywood Reporter's David Rooney summed up the mood when he called Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark a "clunky reworking".

Ben Brantley from the New York Times said that, since the first previews, the show had gone "from jaw-dropping badness to mere mediocrity".

The score, by U2's Bono and the Edge, also got a panning. Entertainment Weekly said the show's numbers were "a mostly lacklustre collection of forgettable tunes".

Despite the poor reception, the musical might still be a hit. Tickets are selling out and lots of celebrities went to the opening night, including Bill Clinton, the rapper Jay-Z and Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

Over in the West End, another stage adaptation of a Hollywood movie has had a more positive reception. Shrek the Musical opened on Tuesday evening.

Writing in the Guardian, Michael Billington said the show was "genuinely theatrical," although he was disappointed by the score. He also praised the performances, in particular that of Nigel Harman, whom he said stole the show as the evil Farquaad.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

## Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Did the critics in New York praise the actors in Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark?
2. Does it look like Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark will be a commercial success?
3. Shrek the Musical is a stage adaptation of a film. Can you guess what a film version of a stage musical is called?
4. Look at the article. What word is a short form of 'show business'?
5. Look at the article. What word means 'songs'?

## Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个语法正确且意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark has finally \_\_\_\_\_ on Broadway.

launched	previewed	opened	started
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2. The show's score got a \_\_\_\_\_ from Entertainment Weekly.

pampering	paning	panning	paining
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3. The show might be a hit. Tickets are \_\_\_\_\_.

selling in	selling off	selling	selling out
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4. London's theatre district is usually referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_.

West End	North End	East End	South End
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5. Evil characters like Farquaad often \_\_\_\_\_.

ruin the show	steal the show	buy the show	break the show
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## Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

### Quiz 小测验

1. Did the critics in New York praise the actors in Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark? Yes, they praised the cast.
2. Does it look like Spider-Man: Turn Off The Dark will be a commercial success? Yes, tickets are selling out.
3. Shrek the Musical is a stage adaptation of a film. Can you guess what a film version of a stage musical is called? A screen adaptation. You can also say a movie / film adaptation.
4. Look at the article. What word is a short form of 'show business'? Showbiz.
5. Look at the article. What word means 'songs'? Numbers.

### Exercise 练习

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2. The show's score got a panning from Entertainment Weekly.
3. The show might be a hit. Tickets are selling out.
4. London's theatre district is usually referred to as the West End.
5. Evil characters like Farquaad often steal the show.

### Glossary 词汇表

showbiz 娱乐界	to open on Broadway 在纽约百老汇上演
mixed reviews 评价不一，有好评也有批评	cast 演员阵容
to blast something 强烈抨击	clunky reworking 笨拙的改版
jaw-dropping 令人吃惊的	mediocrity 平庸
score 乐谱	a panning 一顿痛斥
number 歌曲或舞蹈	lacklustre 死气沉沉的，无光泽的
forgettable 容易忘记的	poor reception 反响不佳
hit 叫座的演出	to sell out 全卖光了
the West End 伦敦西区，是戏院的聚集地	stage adaptation 舞台编剧
theatrical 戏剧性的	to steal the show 大出风头，全场的焦点