



going to the theatre

a social story



theatre

Today I am going to the **theatre**.

I am going to Orlando Repertory Theatre to see a **show**.



show

I am going to see *Curious George: The Golden Meatball*.

That is a **show** that is based on the books by Margret and H.A. Rey.

The **show** is a musical with actors telling the story by talking, singing, and dancing.



lobby

When I enter the building, the first thing I will see is the **lobby**.

There are many fun and colorful things to look at, and there may be a lot of people.



lobby

There is a lot to see in the **lobby**. There is even a stage that I can stand on.

There may be other people in the **lobby** that I do not know. They can also stand on the stage with me.



concession stand

There is a **concession stand** in the **lobby** where I can go to buy snacks, drinks, and other items for sale.

We may wait in line with other people to buy items from the **concession stand**.



activities

There will be arts and crafts **activities** in the **lobby** before the show.

I can participate in the **activities** if I want. There may be other people participating in the **activities** with me.



helpers

If I need help, I can ask a **helper**.

Helpers will be wearing a white shirt and a tag that says **Helper**.



box office

Before we go into the **theatre**, we have to get **tickets** for the **show**.

We will go to a place called the **box office**. This is where we will talk to a person who will sell us **tickets**.

We may wait in line with other people to get our **tickets**.



ticket

I will get a **ticket** that lets me into the **show**.

Every person seeing the **show** needs to have a **ticket**.



ramp

When it is time for the show, we walk up the **ramp** to go to the theatre.

When I walk up the **ramp**, I can hold the handrail.



Bush lobby

The **Bush lobby** is the entrance to the theatre.

There may be a lot of people waiting in the **Bush lobby** to see the show.



Bush lobby

On the wall of the **Bush lobby** there are television screens. There is music and bright colors coming from the television screens.

I can watch the television screens as I wait to go into the **theatre**.



stairs

To get into the theatre, I will have to walk up **stairs**.

Before walking up the stairs, a **helper** will look at my **ticket**.



balcony lobby

I will enter the theatre from the **balcony lobby**.



theatre

The **theatre** will be darker than the **balcony lobby**. A **helper** will be there to help me find a **seat**.

To get to my **seat**, I will need to walk down **stairs**. There is a **handrail** for me to hold.



sitting

I sit with my friends or family members during the **show**. I might be **sitting** next to someone I do not know.

After I have sat down, other people might need to walk in front of me to get to their seats. They may accidentally touch me when they walk past. That is okay.



show

When the **show** is about to start, somebody will make an announcement.

The **show** will be on the **stage**. There will be actors, colors, and music during the show.

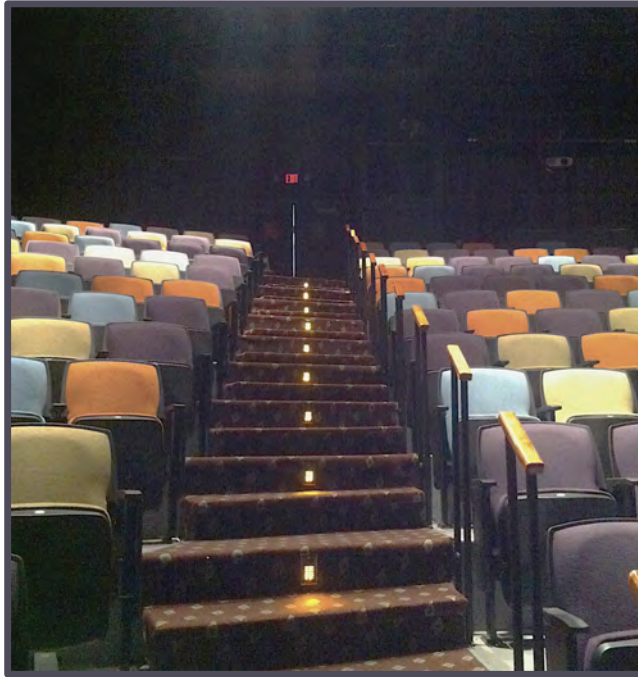
It is okay for me to cover my ears if the **show** is too noisy. It is okay for me to cover my eyes if the **show** is too bright.



participation

Sometimes the **actors** might invite us to **participate**. I can **participate** if I want or I can just watch and listen.

Sometimes the **actors** might be in an aisle near my seat. I do not have to talk to them if I do not want to.

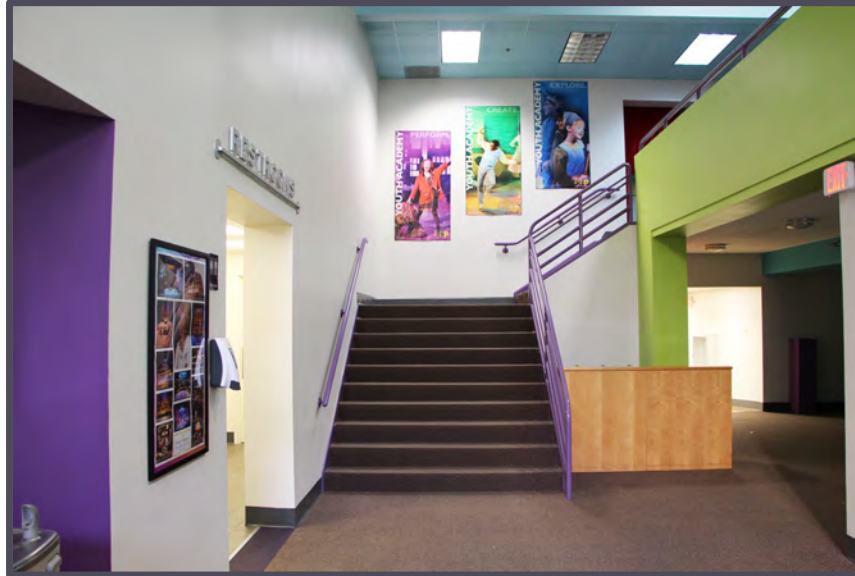


exit

I can leave the show at any time.

If I need to take a break from the **show**, I will tell a friend or family member.

We will exit the theatre, and ask a **helper** how to get to the **quiet room** or the **restroom**.



stairs

If I need some quiet time, I will ask a friend or family member to take me to the **quiet room**.

We can ask a **helper** to guide us to the **quiet room**.

I will have to walk up **stairs** to get to the **quiet room**. When I walk up **stairs**, I will hold onto the **handrail**.



quiet room

I can sit in a chair or walk around the **quiet room**.



restroom

If I need to use the **restroom** during the show, I will ask a friend or family member to take me.

A **helper** can help me find the nearest restroom.

The **toilets** in the **restroom** are noisy and will flush on their own.

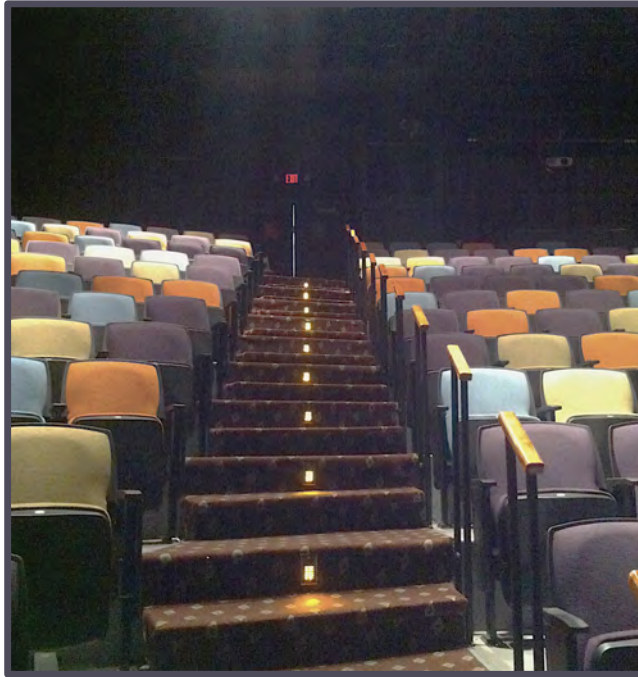


clapping

The show is over when the actors take a bow.

I can show that I liked the show by **clapping** my hands.

Other people will **clap**, too, and it may be loud. If the **clapping** is too loud, it is okay to cover my ears.



leaving

When **leaving** the theatre, I will have to walk up **stairs**.

Other people will be **leaving**, too. There may be a lot of people on the **stairs**.

I will walk slowly and wait for my friends and family members.



meet and greet

After the **show**, I can meet the actors in the lobby. This is called a **meet and greet**.

The actors will be in their costumes from the show. I can tell them I like the show and say thank you.



leaving

When it is time to **leave**, I will wait for my friends and family before I go outside of the building.