





Chinese Opera

or **Beijing** opera

or **Peking** opera

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Mark sentences T(true) F(false) NS(not stated)

1. Chinese opera includes songs, dances and impressive design.
2. Opera has been always performed on the stage.
3. Opera is played in a special place in China.
4. The costumes are in bright colours to draw attention.
5. Men are main actors in opera performances.
6. Chinese opera performers pay attention to scenery and props.

Choose the answer

- 1 When Chinese opera first started,
A it didn't have any lighting.
B performances took place outside.
C there was no stage or costumes.
D it wasn't very popular.
- 2 In the past, the actors wore costumes that were
A very simple.
B only red, gold, and silver.
C easy to see.
D easy to wear.

- 3 The actors sang in a high-pitched voice because they wanted to
A help the audience hear.
B follow tradition.
C make the audience laugh.
D attract more attention.
- 4 The audience mainly follow the story of a Chinese opera through the singing and
A a lot of props and scenery.
B the colours on the characters' costumes.
C changes in the lighting.
D the characters' movement and make-up.
- 5 At the end, we learn that Iris was
A planning to see the opera again.
B surprised that she enjoyed the opera.
C not interested in going to another opera.
D unsure if her readers would enjoy Chinese opera.

The background image shows a traditional Chinese interior. At the top, there is a dark green, ornate ceiling with circular silver-colored ornaments hanging from it. Below the ceiling is a red wooden structure. In the center, there is a large, arched opening with a black, intricately carved metal frame. The archway is flanked by two large, vertical panels of a folding screen. Each panel of the screen is decorated with a traditional Chinese landscape painting in ink and wash. The paintings depict mountains, trees, and figures. The floor is made of light-colored stone tiles.

In three minutes tell the reasons
why someone should use a mind-map technique.

