

Fancy

Main  
Street  
Theater

# NANCY

The Musical



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ACTIVITY GUIDE

# THEATER ETIQUETTE

Being in a live performance is very different from seeing a movie in a movie theater or at home. The setting is much quieter, and noises created by viewers can interrupt the show and distract the performers. You are watching real people on stage; they deserve your respect while they perform.

## HERE ARE SOME BASIC GUIDELINES AND RULES FOR ATTENDING LIVE THEATER:

- No talking. Even whispers can be loud in a quiet room.
- If you have a cell phone, it must be turned off AND put away during the show. The light can distract performers.
- Keep bags, feet, and bodies out of the aisles. Sometimes actors walk through them during performances.
- Do not put your feet on chairs in front of you or sit on your feet in the seats.
- No food or drinks are allowed in the theater.
- Cover your mouth for yawns, coughs, or other noises.
- If you think something is funny, feel free to laugh. The actors are energized when they receive interaction from the audience.
- Don't stand up or switch seats during the performance.
- Use the restroom and get comfortable before the show starts.

### THE ACTORS LOVE TO RECEIVE FAN MAIL FROM THE CHILDREN!

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# ROLES OF EMPLOYEES AT THE THEATER



## DIRECTOR

The show's director decides how they want the show to look and feel. They choose actors and make decisions on sets, costumes, sound, lighting, etc. Coaching the actors and deciding how and where they move (called blocking) is a big part of this job.



## ACTORS

These people give a role as a character in the show. They must learn their lines and decide how they want to present their personality. Are they funny or sad? They work closely with each other and the director to match the show's tone.



## CHOREOGRAPHER

A choreographer creates the show's dances or complicated movements. This person designs the moves with the director's approval and then teaches the actors how to perform.



## LIGHTING DIRECTOR

This person designs how the intensity and color of the lighting will appear on the stage. The colors can change how the set looks and create a feeling for the audience.



## MUSICAL DIRECTOR

The musical director learns all the show's music. They then must teach and lead any musicians, singers, and others involved in producing the piece.



## USHERS

Ushers are the people who welcome you to the theater and help you find your seat. They can also answer many questions for theatergoers.



## COSTUMER OR COSTUME DESIGNER

This person or team decides and puts together costumes for all the actors. Sometimes they make the costumes, and sometimes they put existing pieces together.



## PROP MASTER

The prop master ensures that anything used in the show is prepared and ready for actors to grab as they walk onto the stage. Props can be baskets, a flower, a glass, or a sword. They are also responsible for acquiring the set designers approval of the furniture needed and the set dressing.





# A FANCY DAY WITH NANCY

Nancy loves fancy words. Can you help her finish this story by adding your favorite words?  
Use the fanciest words you can think of, then share your story with your friends!

Fancy Nancy and \_\_\_\_\_ were playing \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(your name) (favorite activity) (favorite place)

It was their favorite thing to do. Fancy Nancy picked up a/an \_\_\_\_\_  
(fashion accessory)

and put it on her \_\_\_\_\_. She looked \_\_\_\_\_. Then Nancy had a/  
(body part) (fancy adjective)

an \_\_\_\_\_ idea. Since they both looked so \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy thought  
(fancy adjective) (fancy adjective)

they should have a fashion show for their family and friends.

Nancy decided to \_\_\_\_\_ down the \_\_\_\_\_ carpet they set up in  
(fancy action word) (favorite color)

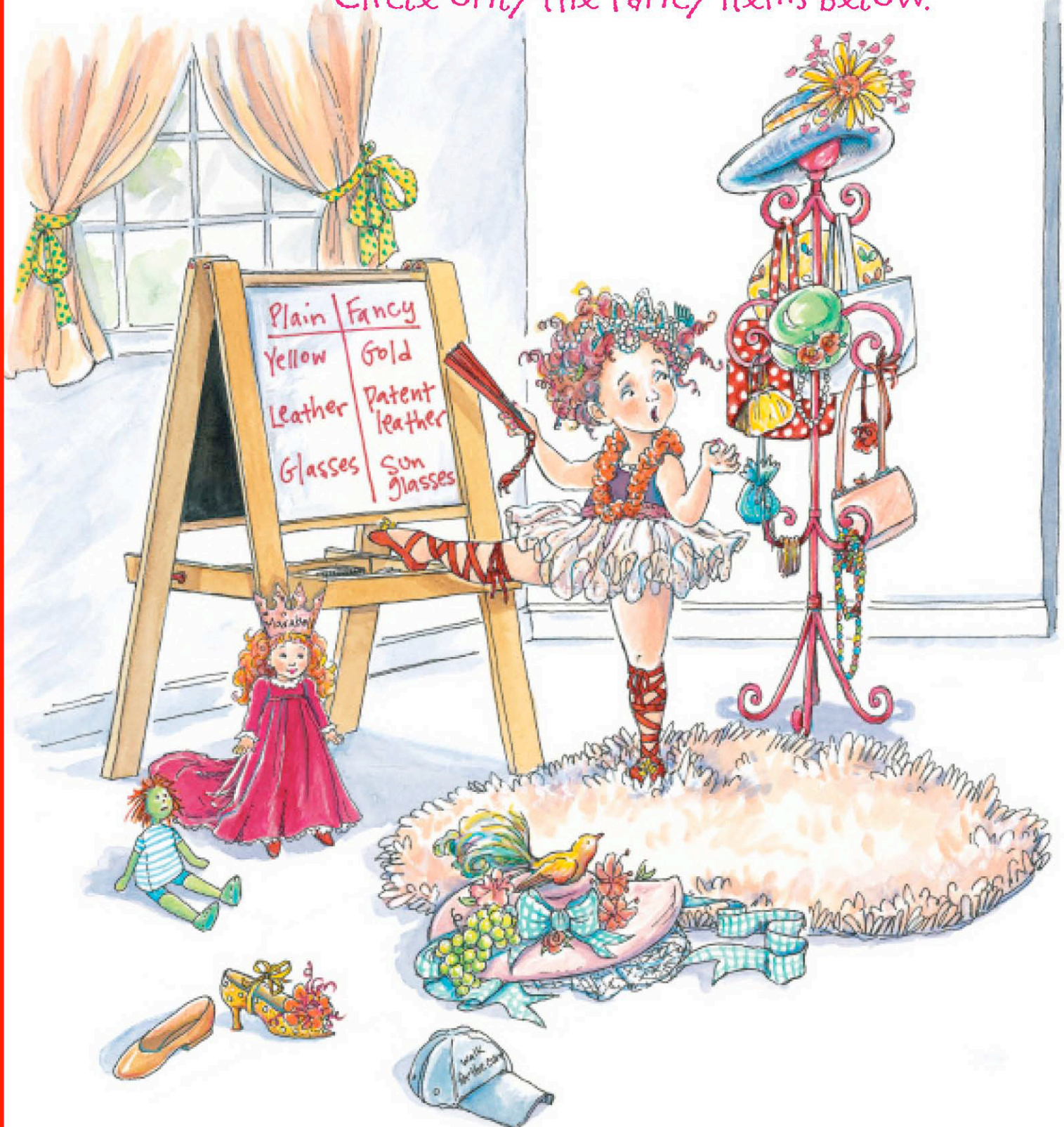
the \_\_\_\_\_. Then it was \_\_\_\_\_'s turn to \_\_\_\_\_ down  
(2nd favorite place) (your name) (fancy action word)

the \_\_\_\_\_ carpet. They both had the most \_\_\_\_\_ day ever!  
(2nd favorite color) (fancy adjective)





No one knows fancy like Nancy.  
Do you know fancy too?  
Circle only the fancy items below.





# WHAT SHOULD NANCY WEAR?

Since Nancy is so fancy, she has so many clothes and accessories that she sometimes has trouble remembering what to wear when she goes to different places. Can you help Nancy decide what she should wear to each of these affairs?

Fashion Show



Beach Vacation



Soccer Practice

Ballet Class



Bath Time

# LEARN TO SPEAK BOUTIQUE

If you're going to be part of the fabulous world of fashion, you've got to learn to speak the lingo (that's a witty word for language). Match these fashion-friendly words to their meanings and you'll soon be an industry insider (that's fancy for expert)!



1. CHIC

2. DESIGNER

3. FASHIONISTA

4. TRENDY

5. À LA MODE

6. PANACHE

7. VINTAGE

8. PASSÉ

9. MUST-HAVE

10. BOUTIQUE

A. The person who creates the fashions

B. Knowing about the latest trends

C. Distinctive and stylish

D. Something from the past

E. Absolutely essential

F. Totally out of fashion

G. A small shop

H. Someone who is very stylish

I. Elegant and fashionable

J. French for "in the current style"

Answers: 1. J, 2. A, 3. H, 4. B, 5. J, 6. C, 7. D, 8. E, 9. E, 10. G







# CREATE A PERFORMANCE PROGRAM



Create a program for your attendees, informing them of all the important details about the recital. Jazz it up using colored markers, a sprinkle of glitter, and some stickers. As a nice gesture, bake a delectable dessert for your guests to enjoy during intermission (that's fancy for breaktime).



(your name here)

## PROUDLY PRESENTS

(name of your ballet)

## BALLET RECITAL

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_



## PROGRAM

Warm-up

Performance (Act I)

### INTERMISSION

(Delicious refreshments provided)

Performance (Act II)

Final Curtsy

(Standing ovations and bouquets are welcome)



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# BALLERINA LINGO



The world of ballet is filled with fabulous French words. How chic! Get to know the lingo (that's a fancy word for language) by matching these words to their meanings. You'll be sounding like a professional ballerina in no time!



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|--------------|--|
| 1. CURTSY    | A. A leap from one foot to the other                     |
| 2. JETÉ      | B. One leg stretched straight out to the back            |
| 3. BARRE     | C. A twirl while standing on the toe or ball of one foot |
| 4. ARABESQUE | D. Ballet performance                                    |
| 5. LEOTARD   | E. To raise both heels to their points                   |
| 6. PIROUETTE | F. To bend the knees                                     |
| 7. RECITAL   | G. A fancy ballet skirt                                  |
| 8. PLIÉ      | H. A wooden railing used for dancers to warm up on       |
| 9. RELEVÉ    | I. A graceful bow  |
| 10. TUTU     | J. Ballerina apparel                                     |

Answers: 1. I, 2. A, 3. H, 4. B, 5. J, 6. C, 7. D, 8. F, 9. E, 10. G



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# MAGNIFICENT AS A MERMAID



Follow the instructions below to create the perfect ballerina accessory ... a mermaid's wand.  
With your wand in hand, you're sure to be the star of any recital!

## You'll need:

- 1 Oak tag
- 1 12" wooden dowel
- 1 Sand
- 1 Seashells
- 1 Glitter
- 1 Craft glue
- 1 Scissors

## Here's how:

- 1 Cut out the starfish template and trace it onto a piece of colored oak tag. Then cut that out for a sturdy wand base.
- 1 Decorate the starfish by gluing seashells and sand to the front. Add some glitter for a shimmer effect.
- 1 Glue the tip of the dowel to the backside of the starfish. Enjoy your magnificent wand!



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# Under the Sea with Fancy Nancy!



In *Fancy Nancy: Peanut Butter and Jellyfish*, Nancy and her class visit an aquarium. Find all of the aquarium-inspired words in the puzzle below!

- Fish
- Turtle
- Coral Reef
- Sea Otter
- Dolphin
- Manta Ray
- Jellyfish
- Aquarium

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H	D	L	L	P	A	K	S	I	C	I	U
T	S	F	E	E	R	L	A	R	O	C	I
D	D	I	J	B	O	E	E	D	H	N	R
O	O	G	F	J	F	T	C	I	T	I	A
B	M	L	H	Y	T	B	Y	S	U	I	U
Z	H	R	P	O	L	W	B	Z	R	A	Q
W	T	G	A	H	J	L	O	R	T	W	A
S	D	E	P	R	I	Y	E	U	L	O	F
C	S	X	G	I	J	N	J	J	E	I	E
M	A	N	T	A	R	A	Y	U	S	N	O
A	I	X	R	E	R	X	X	H	E	X	W



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# Words Extraordinaire!

Help Nancy finish this crossword puzzle by filling in these fancy words in the numbered spaces below.

## Across

- 1. Parasol
- 3. Accurate
- 7. Wardrobe
- 8. Plume
- 9. Canine

## Down

- 1. Petite
- 2. Ooh la la
- 4. Observe
- 5. Fancy
- 6. Joyous



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7.											8.			
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