



The  
Kennedy  
Center

# Pre-Visit Story: Concert Hall (Intermediate)



# Kennedy Center

The **Kennedy Center** is named for President John F. Kennedy.

The **Kennedy Center** opened in 1971 to be a national center for cultural arts.

The **Center** has music, dance, and dramatic performances all year long.

There are 7 theaters at the **Kennedy Center**.

I am going to one of the theaters to see a show.

I can look on the [website](#) to find more information on the **Kennedy Center**.



# Shuttle bus

If my family and I take Metro train, we can take a **shuttle bus** to the Kennedy Center.

The **shuttle bus** runs every 15-20 minutes between the Foggy Bottom Metro stop and the Kennedy Center.

The **shuttle bus** will pick us up in front of the Foggy Bottom Metro train station.

The ride to the Kennedy Center takes only 5 minutes and will drop us off in front of the Kennedy Center.



# Parking lot

If we take a car, we will park the car in the underground **parking lot** at the Kennedy Center.

We have to take the stairs, escalator or elevator to get to the main Hall lobby.



# Stairs and Escalators

I can get to the theater lobby from the parking lot in different ways.

I can use the moving **escalator**, or I can walk up the **stairs**, or I can get on the **elevator** that will take me to the theater lobby.



# Hall of Nations

The theater I am going to is located near the **Hall of Nations**.

The **Hall of Nations** displays flags from around the world.

The show will be in the Concert Hall.

I can look around the **Hall of Nations** before I go into the Concert Hall.



# Box Office

Before we go to the theater, we have to get tickets for the show from a person at the **box office** ticket window.

The **box office** is in the main Hall. Every person must have a ticket to get into the theater.



# Box Office Window

When we get to the box office **window**, we will tell the person behind the window our name and the show we are going to.

The person behind the **window** will give us our reserved tickets for the show.



# Lobby

I can walk upstairs or take the ramp to get to the theater lobby.

I will walk through an open space in the lobby.

People may be standing around before entering the theater.



# Ticket Machine

The theater usher will take the ticket to scan with a **machine** that beeps.

After the beeping sound, my family and I can go into the theater.



# Ushers

The theater **ushers** have many responsibilities at the theater.

The theater **usher** takes my tickets, helps people to their seat, hands out theater programs, and provides help to people.

I can ask the theater **usher** questions Ushers when they are not busy.



# Stairs or Elevator

I may need to use the stairs or elevator to get to my seat.

I will be careful when I use the stairs to get to my seat.

I can hold onto the railing when I use the stairs.



# My seat

The letter and number on the ticket tells me where I will be sitting for the show.

The letter tells me which row I am sitting in.

The number tells me which seat I am sitting in within that row.

An usher will help me find **my seat**.

This is my reserved seat where I will sit for the show.



# Sitting

There are many people who want to see the show.

I will **sit** next to my family but on one side of me I might be sitting next to a person I don't know, if the theater is crowded.

When I am **sitting**, sometimes a person will walk in front of me for a brief moment.

If a person is in my way to see the show, I can politely ask the person "Can you please move out of my way? Thank you."



# Bathroom

I will let my family member know if I have to go to the **bathroom**.

I can go to the **bathroom** any time I need to.



# Quiet Lobby

If I need some quiet time, I can go to the **lobby** outside of the theater.

The **lobby** will have chairs to sit in or I can walk around the lobby.

The theater show will be playing on the TV monitors in the **lobby**.



# TV monitor

**TV monitors** in the lobby will have the show displayed for me to watch if I want to.



# Clapping

At the end of a show, people **clap** to show how much they liked the show.

If I get overwhelmed by the **clapping** noise, I can cover my ears.



# Leaving

All the people will **leave** the theater at the same time.

The stairs and aisles will be crowded.

I will be patient and walk slowly.

I can talk when I **leave** the theater.

