



The  
Kennedy  
Center

# Pre-Visit Story: Family Theater (basic)



# Theater

I am going to a theater at the Kennedy Center to see a show.



# Red bus

If we take the metro train, I will take a long escalator to the street. A red bus will take my family and me to the Kennedy Center.

I may have to wait for the red bus to pick me up.

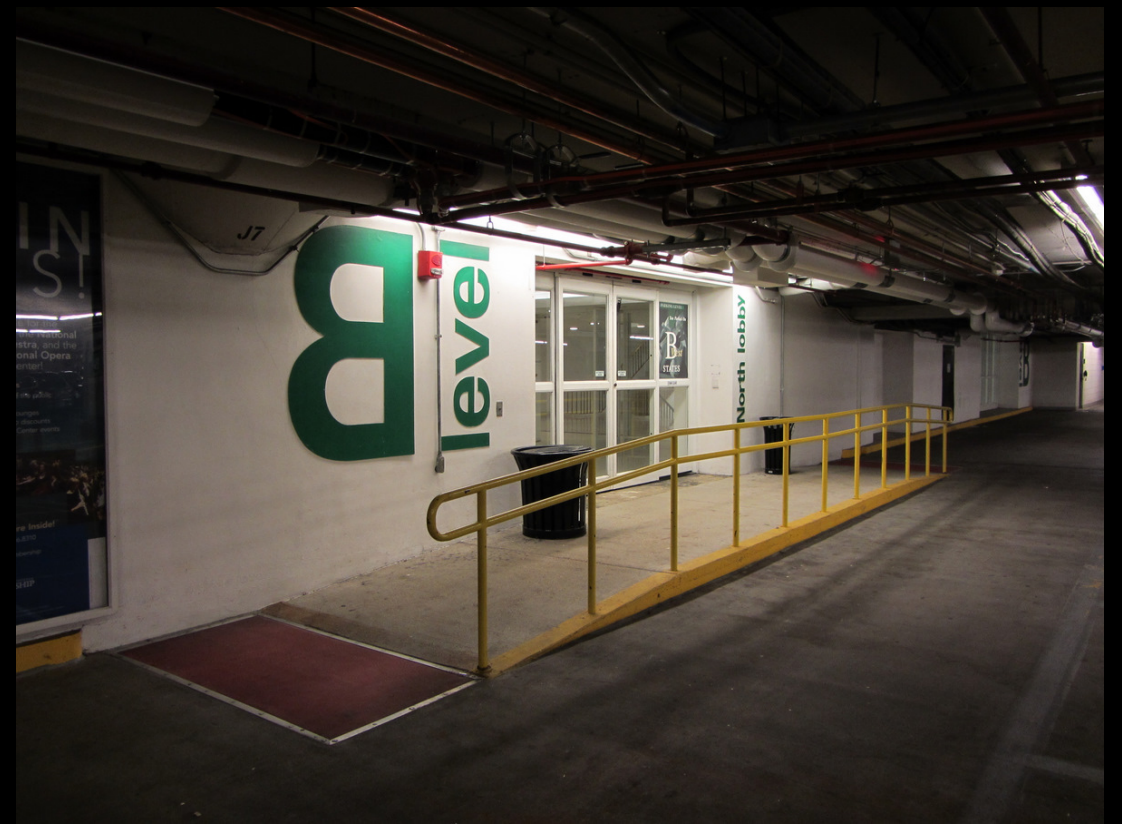
People I don't know will get on the bus with my family and me.

The bus will take us to the Kennedy Center for the show.



# Park the car

If we take the car, we will park the car then walk through the doors to take the stairs, escalator or the elevator to the lobby.



# Escalator or Steps

I can choose to take the escalator, or the steps, or the elevator from the parking lot to the theater lobby.



# Lobby

The theater lobby at the Kennedy Center is big.

When I look up, I will see a lot of flags.

I will walk in the lobby to get to the theater where I will see the show.



# Box Office

Before we go to the theater, we have to get tickets for the show.

We will go to a place called the Box Office to get tickets.

Every person must have a ticket to get into the theater.



# Box Office Window

The box office has a small window with a person on the other side.

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 tickets for the show.



# Lobby

I can walk upstairs or take the elevator 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.



# Theater Ushers

The theater usher is a friendly helper.

I can ask the theater usher for help.  
The theater usher can help me find a seat.



# Stairs

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

I can hold onto the wall railing when I walk down the stairs.



# My seat

Every seat in the theater has a letter and number on the seat. Every ticket has a letter and a number.

I will match the ticket letter and number with the seat letter and number.

An usher will help me find my seat.

This is where I will sit for the show.



# Sitting

I will always be sitting next to my family.

I might have my family on one side of me and a person I don't know on the other side of me.

When I am sitting, sometimes a person will walk in front of me.

If a person is in my way to see the show, I can quietly 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.

The toilet will flush when I stand up.

The sound of the flushing toilet can be loud and flush more than one time.



# Quiet Lobby

I will tell my family member if I want some quiet time.

I can leave the show and go to the quiet lobby.

I can sit in a chair or walk around the lobby.



# TV monitor

If I need a break from the show, I can go to the lobby.

The lobby will have TV monitors.

I can still watch the show on the TV in the lobby.



# Clapping

The show ends when the performers bow.

If I like the show, I can clap when the show ends.

Other people will clap.

I can cover my ears if the clapping noise is too loud.

People clap only for a short time then the clapping is over.



# Leaving

I have to walk up the stairs to leave the theater.

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

The stairs will be crowded.

I will walk slowly on the stairs.

