

A. Look at the title and the picture. What do you know or can you guess about Riverdance? Read the text and check your answers.



Riverdance is a world famous theatrical show with traditional Irish dancing. The first Riverdance show was performed during a break at the Eurovision Song Contest in 1994. People watched the line of dancers move their feet at a great speed in time to the beautiful

Irish music; the audience was amazed and since then Riverdance has continued to excite audiences all over the world.

Bill Whelan wrote the music for Riverdance, and the show is produced and directed by husband and wife team, John McCloga and Moya Doherty. The original lead dancers were Michael Flatley and Jean Butler; they both brought their own style to the show making it all the more exciting to watch.

The story of Riverdance is about the journey of the Irish people from Ireland to the New World where they met with other cultures. The show has changed and developed to make it better; some of the changes include introducing other kinds of dance into the show such as tap dancing, Spanish Flamenco and Russian dance.

Since its beginning, millions of people around the world have been to Riverdance performances and over 2 billion people have seen it on television. Everyone agrees that it is a really unforgettable experience.



B. Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. What is Riverdance?
2. Where was Riverdance first performed?
3. Who wrote the music for Riverdance?
4. What is the story of Riverdance about?
5. Apart from Irish dancing, what other kinds of dancing can you see in Riverdance?
6. About how many people have seen Riverdance on TV?