Lesson2 Beijing Opera

Task 1 Warming up

1. Enjoy a famous segment of Beijing Opera.
2. What do you know about Beijing Opera?
3. Do you know the main roles in Beijing Opera?

Task 2 Look at the photos and choose a description for each role; female roles, common male roles, male roles with brightly painted masks, clown roles.

a.

b.

c.

d.

Task 3 Dr. Liu is talking about Beijing Opera on a radio programme. Listen and tick ( ) the aspects that are mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_ main roles

\_\_\_\_\_ instruments

\_\_\_\_\_ the unique sound

\_\_\_\_\_ costumes

Task 4 Listen again. Answer the questions.

1. When did Beijing Opera start?
2. What forms of performance are combined together in Beijing Opera?
3. How many roles can be found in Beijing Opera? What are they?

4. What are some of the special features of Beijing Opera?

Task 5 Listen again and find the answers to these questions.

1. Why is Beijing Opera a national treasure of China?

2. Why do performers sing in very high voices?

3. Why are the costumes in bright colours?