

Features of Elizabethan Theatre

- 1- This theatre is opened to sky except for the part of the stage which was roofed.
- 2- The stage called Apron stage where common people stood.
- 3- Better off were seated in the galleries.
- 4- The stage is surrounded on three sides by the audience that could count up to two thousand people.
- 5- At the rear of the stage there was the tiring house where actors change their costumes and waited for the moment of their entrance.
- 6- There was no scenery, no artificial lighting, so performance took place during the day.
- 7- There was no curtain to separate audience from the actors.
- 8- There was a door in front of the stage called a trap door. It was used for sudden apparitions or supernatural beings or could be used for other special effects.