



# FILM AND CINEMA

## TYPES OF FILM

action film	comedy / romantic comedy	horror film	silent film
adaptation	costume drama	love story / tearjerker ( <i>inf</i> )	slapstick comedy
adventure film	crime film	musical	spoof
animation	documentary	newsreel	thriller
black comedy	drama	prequel	trailer
blockbuster	epic	remake	war film
B-movie	feature film (movie)	road movie	western / cowboy film
cartoon / animated film	film adaptation	science fiction movie	western film
chick flick	historical film	sequel	X-rated film

## FILM PEOPLE

(all-star / star-filled) cast	cameraman	gaffer (chief electrician)
actor / actress	critic	make-up artist / make-up man
leading / principal actor	director	producer
film star / a rising star	extra	scriptwriter
agent	film crew	stuntman / woman

## MAKING A FILM

## PLOT

## CINEMA VOCABULARY

cast / storyboard	dialogue	audition	premiere	special effects
to animate	backstory	big-budget (low-budget) movie	review	sound effects
to cut	ending	box-office hit / blockbuster ( <i>inf</i> )	role / part	stunts
to dub	protagonist	cinema / movie theatre	supporting role	subtitles
to finance	twist	cinema-goer	screen	ticket for (a film)
to go to an audition	villain	flop ( <i>inf</i> )	screenplay / script	What's on at the cinema today?
to make / shoot a film	narrator	multiplex	soundtrack	
on location / in the studio		film / opera buff		
to star				

## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS



## THEATRE

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### AT THE THEATRE

act	curtain	repertoire
aisle	curtain call	scenery / set
applause / standing ovation	dress circle	seat
audience	(dress) rehearsal	spotlight
auditorium	dressing room	sold out
backstage	in the wings	stage
balcony	interval	the circle
bell	lobby	the stalls
box	orchestra pit	theatre programme
box office	performance / play	theatregoer
cloakroom	playbill	wings
complimentary ticket for the theatre	premiere / first night	rehearsal for / of (Romeo and Juliet)
costume	props (stage prop)	to rehearse a play

### THEATRE STAFF

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a stand-in for sb	lead / leading / starring role	supporting role / part
actor	major / minor / title role	understudy
actress	make-up artist	usher(ette)
cast	play	
costume designer	playwright	to be cast in the role / part
extra	prompter	to cast sb in the male / female lead
hero	stage manager	to play / act the part of Romeo
heroine	stagehand	to take the part of Romeo

### PERFORMANCE

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to be on / be shown / be playing	to put on / perform / stage a play	matinee	musical
'Romeo and Juliet' is playing tonight.	drama / tragedy	comedy (of manners)	tragicomedy

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS



## MUSIC AND CONCERT

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### MUSICAL GENRES

ballet	easy listening	jazz	R & B (rhythm and blues)
blues	electronic	Latin	rap
chamber music	folk	opera	reggae music
classical music	heavy metal	pantomime	rock
country music	hip hop	pop	techno
dance	instrumental music	punk	

### MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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accordion	drum	mouth organ	trombone
balalaika	drumstick	oboe	trumpet
bass guitar	flute	organ	tuba
bagpipes	French horn	percussion	viola
banjo	grand piano	piano	violin
double bass	guitar	piccolo	xylophone
bassoon	acoustic guitar	plectrum / pick ( <i>inf</i> )	the strings / the string section
bow	electric guitar	saxophone	the brass
brass instrument	harp	string	the woodwind / wind
cello	horn	stringed instrument	the percussion
clarinet	kettledrum	synthesizer	to beat drums
cymbals	keyboard	tambourine	to play (the piano)
double bass	mandolin	triangle	to pluck (the strings)

### AT A CONCERT

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accompanist	flautist	pianist	to accompany sb (on the piano)
band / group / choir / chorus	guitarist	podium	to give a concert
conductor / score	microphone	saxophonist	to dance / sing / perform
drummer	orchestra	soloist / vocalist	
fan	performance	the audience	



## MUSIC VOCABULARY

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(a musical) piece  
(a number one / a smash) hit  
(the) charts (*pl*)  
album  
alto  
applause  
ballet  
band / orchestra  
baritone  
bass  
beat (*noun*)  
box-office hit / blockbuster (*inf*)  
CD (compact disc)  
choreography  
composer / to compose  
concert / concert hall  
conductor / to conduct  
contemporary (music / dance)  
curtain call  
dance  
evening performance  
failure / flop (*inf*)  
farce  
female / male voice  
first night / premiere

full / empty house  
goes down  
goes up  
group  
high / low note  
loud / thunderous applause  
lyrics (*singular*)  
matinee  
mezzo soprano  
musical (style)  
musician  
note  
out of tune  
outstanding / poor performance  
overture  
record (*noun*)  
release (a single / an album)  
rhythm  
singer / to sing  
sonata  
songwriter  
soprano  
standing ovation  
symphony  
tenor

the curtain falls / closes  
the curtain rises / opens  
The performance was a success.  
three-act play  
tune / melody  
vocal / live / recorded music  
to be musical / have an ear for music  
to be tone-deaf  
to clap / applaud  
to form a band / group  
to get / win a round of applause  
to have a long run  
to have stage fright  
to hiss / boo  
to improvise  
to learn / forget one's lines  
to listen to music  
to play by ear  
to play in a convincing way  
to play music  
to read music  
to play (the piano)  
to set / put sth to music  
to sing / play in tune  
to write / compose music



## BOOKS AND READING

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### BOOK

appendix	contents	graphics	page	review
bibliography	copy	hardback	paperback	setting
binding	cover	illustration	paragraph	spine
blurb	dedication	index	passage	subtitle
book jacket	edition	introduction	plot	title
chapter	epilogue	line	preface / foreword	to publish
character	flyleaf	literary review	reprint	to translate into (French)

### LITERATURE

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atlas	dictionary / encyclopedia	poem / poet
author / writer	fables / fairy tales	poetry / prose
autobiography / biography	fiction / non-fiction	protagonist
ballad / song / sonnet	handbook / manual / guide book	reference book / thesaurus
bestseller / blockbuster ( <i>inf</i> )	horror / thriller	resolution
chick lit	literary (criticism / genre / critic)	review / reviewer
coursebook / textbook	love story / romance	science fiction / fantasy (novel)
detective story / whodunit	novel / novelist	sequel
detective / historical / romantic novel	play / comedy / tragedy	(short) story
diary	plot	trash

### READING

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bookworm	well-written	to pore over sth
dull / boring book	to finish the book	to read sth at / in one sitting
heavy book	to flick / leaf / browse through sth	to read sth from cover to cover
readable	to get around to the book	to reread sth
voracious / avid reader	to have several books going	to skim / scan through sth
well-read	to plough through sth	to skip some parts

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## USEFUL EXPRESSIONS



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### DESCRIBING A BOOK, FILM, PERFORMANCE

accurate to history

appealing

artistic

awkwardly staged

badly cast

boring / dull

chilling with suspense

compelling

controversial

disappointing

disturbing

enjoyable

entertaining

exciting

heart-wrenching

highly praised

impressive

informative

interesting

involving

long applauded

modestly budgeted

moving

readable

realistic

shot on location

spectacular

star-studded

stunning

successful

thought provoking

true to life

unimaginative

unputdownable (book)

(un)satisfactory

well cast

well received

well reviewed

well shot

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The play / book / film **is set in** ...

The play / book / film **tells the story of**...

The play / book / film **is based on** a true story / real events

The play / film **stars** ...

The play / film **is directed by** ...

The play / film **is the sequel / prequel to** ...

The plot **revolves around** ...

I couldn't **tear** myself **away** from the book.

The plot involves ...

The plot focuses on ...

The plot has an unexpected twist

The story begins with ...

The story unfolds

The story reaches its climax

The story ends with a happy ending



# DESCRIBING A BOOK, FILM, PERFORMANCE

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## A bit more sample questions and answers.

<b>What is the title of the book?</b>	The title of the book is... As far as I remember it's... I'm afraid I don't remember.
<b>What do you think of the book?</b>	I liked it. On the whole I liked it. I enjoyed it. It's rather interesting. It's a very good book. I didn't like it. It's not interesting at all.
<b>What is it you liked about the book?</b>	It's rather amusing. It's realistic. The language is good. The plot is interesting. I liked the way the author describes...
<b>What is it you don't like about the book?</b>	To begin with,... I didn't like the language. I didn't like the way the author describes... The main idea is not clear to me. The plot is not interesting at all.
<b>What are the main characters of the book?</b>	The main characters are...
<b>What is the book about?</b>	The book is devoted to... The book describes... It's about... It's a historical novel, (a detective story, ...)

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# What are the main characters of the book?

The main characters are...

# What is the book about?

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It's about...

It's a historical novel .....

## Put the following words in the correct columns:

a reference book, a poem, a fable, a tale,  
a booklet, a story, a novel, an instruction,  
an encyclopedia, a drama, a textbook,  
memoirs, a guidebook, a rhyme, an essay,  
a dictionary, a technical description.

<b>FICTION LITERATURE</b>	<b>NON-FICTION LITERATURE</b>

## ART AND HANDICRAFTS

(a) piece of art

(a) work of art

abstract painting

acrylic / oil paints

art collector

art festival

art gallery

art studio

artist

background

brush

camera

canvas

clay

contemporary / modern art

crochet

design

draw (in pen / pencil / charcoal)

easel

exhibit (*verb*)

exhibition

frame

glass painting

graphics (*singular*)

handicraft

jewellery making

masterpiece / work of art

modelling

outline

paint

painter

palette

pastels

perspective

photographer

photography

potter's wheel

pottery

sculpt

sculptor

self-portrait

sewing

sketch

take (photographs / photos / pictures)

valuable

visual arts

weaving

woodworking

## WORKS OF ART

ceramics

collage

drawing

embroidery

engraving

landscape

lace-making

macramé

mosaic

oil painting

painting

photograph

portrait

sculpture

seascape

statue

still life

watercolour



THE ARTS





CULTURE

THE ARTS

LITERARY ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS

VISUAL ARTS

LITERATURE

PROSE

fiction

- novels
- short stories
- biographies

non-fiction

- dictionaries
- atlases
- manuals

DRAMA

- play

POETRY

- poem

ORAL TEXTS

- epic
- legend
- myth
- ballad
- folktale

THEATRE

- DANCE
- CINEMA
- BALLET
- OPERA
- OPERETTA
- CONCERT

FINE ART(S)

Two-dimensional work

- illustration
- painting and drawing
- comics
- mosaics
- printmaking and imaging
- fiber art
- calligraphy
- photography

Three-dimensional work

- sculpture
- architecture
- ceramics
- media art

APPLIED ARTS

CONCEPTUAL ART

- industrial design
- fashion design
- decorative art

- graphic design
- interior design
- functional (modern architecture) art

media art

CONTEMPORARY ART



## LEISURE TIME

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### HOBBY

bike riding	diving	mountaineering	scuba diving
bird watching / birding	do-it-yourself (DIY)	nature watching	sculpting
board game	drawing	needlework	skydiving
bowling	embroidery	outdoors (adv)	snowboard jumping
bungee jumping	entertainment	painting	stamp collecting
camping	fishing	paragliding	street basketball
canoeing	free time	patchwork	target shooting
card game	gambling	pet-keeping	travelling
caving	gardening	photography	watching TV
coin collecting	hang gliding	playing a musical instrument	whitewater rafting
computer game	knitting	pottery	woodwork
crossword puzzle	model building / aeromodelling	pyrography	working out
diversion / entertainment	mountain biking	roller-skating	yachting

### DESCRIBING A HOBBY

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absorbing	extraordinary	outdoor
addictive	extreme	rare
challenging	fascinating	relaxing
creative	fulfilling	revitalizing
dangerous	impressive	satisfying
eccentric	indoor	strange
educational	inspiring	time-consuming
energising	intellectually rewarding	unusual



**USEFUL EXPRESSIONS**

to ask (sb) out

to go (swimming / dancing)

to go (to the cinema / to a concert)

to go out (with friends)

to have / take up a hobby

to have / throw / go to a party

to listen (to music / to the radio)

to pass time / to spend time

to play (cards / chess / tennis / basketball)

to play (video / computer / board) games

to play (the piano / the drums)

to read (books / magazines / comics)

to build aeromodels

to collect stamps, coins, shells, antiques

to cook

to dance in a club

to do charity work

to do crossword puzzles

to do the football pools

to do / play a sport

to draw, paint

to fly kites / model aeroplanes

to gamble

to garden

to give / throw a party

to go clubbing

to go fishing, hunting

to go for a walk

to go jogging, swimming, canoeing

to go to a disco, party, concert

to go to a gym

to go to the opera, theatre, cinema

to keep a pet

to knit, embroider, sew

to learn languages

to listen to music, the radio

to meet friends

to party

to play chess, cards, bridge

to play computer games

to play paintball

to play tennis, bowls, golf

to potter around the garden

to sing karaoke

to surf the Internet

to take photographs

to take up (a sport / swimming / a hobby)

to watch (TV / a video)



## TOURISM

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### ON HOLIDAYS

adventure	landmark	stay
adventurer	leave	suitcase
backpack	luggage	tent
backpacker	package holiday	ticket
beach	resort	tour
bonfire	rest	tourism
camp site	rucksack	tourist
coastline	safari	tourist attractions
expedition	seaside	tourist guide
guide book	sights	travel agency
holiday break	sightseeing	travel agent
holidaymaker	sightseer	traveller
holidays	souvenir	trip
itinerary	spa town	visitor

### USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

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to take a day off  
to backpack / to go backpacking  
to bask in the sun  
to be well in excess of one's luggage allowance  
to camp out  
to cross the border  
to go abroad  
to go on an expedition  
to go on holiday / to have a holiday  
to go to the seaside, lakeside, mountains  
to lie on the beach

to pack  
to pitch a tent / put up a tent  
to see the sights  
to set off on a journey  
to sightsee / to go sightseeing  
to sunbathe  
to take photos of  
to tour (around / round / in)  
to travel light  
to travel loaded  
to visit

**CAMPING**

