

M O V I E S



A Guide for Talking about and Reviewing Movies.



1

INTRODUCTION

Title? When was it made? Who was it directed by? Is it well-known/popular?

(title).....was directed by...(director)... in ... / years ago. It is a very well-known film based on the book of the same name.

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GENRE

What kind of film is it?

It is a/an.....(adj).....film.

This is a ..(noun).....

This is a (adj).....

Types of films: action, horror, family, sci-fi, western, thriller, fantasy, animation (cartoon), romance, drama, adventure, science fiction, spy story, musical, war film, comedy, historical, fiction,

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CHARACTERS AND ACTORS

Who are the main actors?
Who is in it?
Who does it star?
What are the main characters?

It's a (genre).....
starring (actor(s)).....
He/she plays a(character).
It stars (actor)..... in the title role of (character).....
The character he/she played was.....
.....(actors) are/is in it.

Characters: leading role, hero, evil, heroine, a killer, supporting character, small part, the funniest, a thug etc.

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SETTING

When does it take place?
Where/ when is it set in?

It takes place in/on.....
It is set in/on.....

.....on another planet, in the USA, in space, a boat, in Moscow in the 80s, on the earth in the future etc.

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PLOT

What is this film about? What happens? How does it end?

It is about.....
The plot is about.....

a man chasing a killer, love, ... (name)'s relationship with... , historical events... etc.

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REVIEW

What is it like?
What is your opinion?
What did you like most?

The movie had good/bad (nouns)..
I liked... (nouns)
I think it is... (adj)
What I liked most was (the way).....

acting, track, special effects, camera work, visual effects, directing; boring, scary, moving, depressing, great, sad etc.



MOVIE ACTIVITIES.



1. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph with these words: off, movie, worth, famous, actors, funny, acting, tickets, supposed, pick



2. Here is a list of vocabulary that reviewers often use when describing movies. Which of them are positive, negative or neutral? Put them into the related columns.

We went out to see a _____ last night. It was _____ to be a comedy, but it wasn't _____ at all! The plot (= story) was very boring, and the _____ was pretty bad. I didn't recognize any of the _____. I don't think any of them are _____. The _____ were expensive too - We paid \$20 for two! It wasn't _____ it. I usually _____ good movies, but this time I was _____. (= mistaken)

first-rate brutal insightful comical
charismatic enjoyable outdated
original tender weak hilarious
absorbing sensitive intriguing
powerful fascinating pleasant satirical
surprising dazzling provoking
imaginative legendary big-budget
highly-charged second-rate violent
clever charming third-rate boring
ordinary disgusting senseless static
confused disappointing bloody
silly tired predictable stupid
suspenseful low-budget uninteresting
incredibly tiresome outdated dreadful

Positive	Negative	Neutral

3. Movie Word search.

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b l o c k b u s t e r
a c z o r v g q j l y
m f n s p f b w o y s
c r i t i c l q j t c
r u j u r s b u d s r
t c a m e r a s t c e
l s h e f u e s h e e
t e h s t u n t y n n
h d e g h g h a k e p
d i r e c t o r h d l
j s o e e u h d f j a
h d h o f a n t a s y
s j g t f s u e l l f
a c t i n g r f d g u

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Word Bank: star acting critic blockbuster
hero camera fantasy stunt scene screenplay
director

ANSWER KEYS

1. Gap filling

We went out to see a movie last night. It was supposed to be a comedy, but it wasn't funny at all! The plot (= story) was very boring, and the acting was pretty bad. I didn't recognize any of the actors. I don't think any of them are famous. The tickets were expensive too - We paid \$20 for two! It wasn't worth it. I usually pick good movies, but this time I was off. (= mistaken)

3. Movie Word search

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			s							s
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