

# 44 Film and cinema

## 1 Basic vocabulary

Match these words with their definitions below:

star director scene critic review

1. somebody who reviews new films
2. a very famous actor or actress
3. what a critic writes about a new film
4. the person who tells the actors and actresses what to do
5. one small part of a film

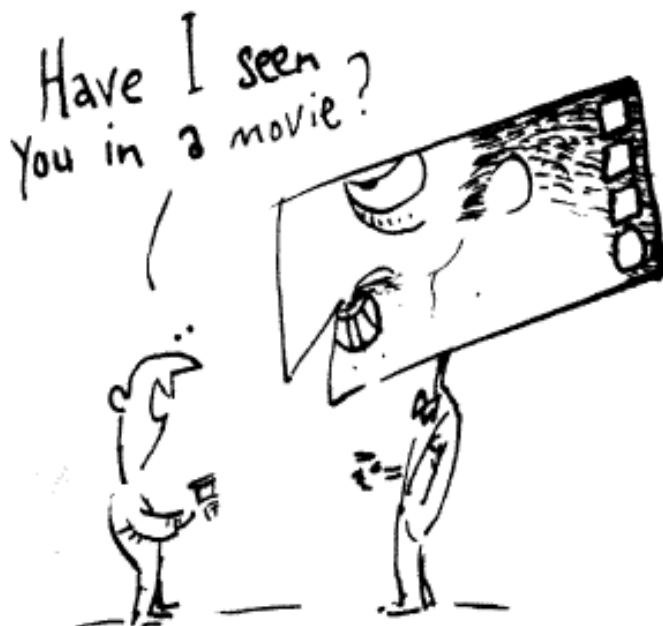
*In Britain people go to the cinema. In the United States people go to the movies.*

## 2 In the cinema

Put these words into the sentences below:

screen subtitles row trailers credits

1. Let's sit at the back. I don't like being too near the . . . . .
2. I like to sit in the front . . . . .
3. I find trying to read . . . . . very annoying. I prefer dubbed films.
4. I like seeing all the . . . . . for the new films that are coming out.
5. I usually stay at the end to read the . . . . . because I like to know who some of the less important actors were.



## 3 Different kinds of film

Match the film titles with the short descriptions below:

- a. Die Hard
- b. The Bride of Dracula
- c. The Magnificent Seven
- d. The Sound of Music

1. Yul Brynner rides again in this *famous* western.
2. A *classic* horror film with Boris Karloff as the vampire.
3. Bruce Willis is the hero in this *predictable* action movie.
4. The popular but increasingly *dated* musical. Sing along with Julie Andrews.

Now do the same with these:

- e. Witness
- f. Spartacus
- g. Saving Private Ryan
- h. It Came from Outer Space
- i. Four Weddings and a Funeral

5. A *ridiculous* science-fiction film as aliens attack a peaceful community in California.
6. Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell star in this *hilarious* romantic comedy.
7. An *epic* historical drama with Kirk Douglas as the slave leading the revolt against Rome.
8. Harrison Ford protects an innocent boy who has witnessed a murder in this *gripping* thriller.
9. Steven Spielberg's *action-packed* war film provides Tom Hanks with one of his best roles.

Now decide whether the words in *italics* are positive or negative. Use a dictionary to help you.

- Positive . . . . .
- . . . . .
- Negative . . . . .

#### 4 Making a film

Choose the correct ending for each sentence:

1. *The Beach* was set
  2. *Schindler's List* was filmed in
  3. *Psycho* was directed by
  4. *Titanic* starred
  5. *Jurassic Park* was based on
- a. Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet.
  - b. a novel by Michael Crichton.
  - c. black and white.
  - d. in Thailand.
  - e. Alfred Hitchcock.

#### 5 Talking about films

Delete the wrong word or expression in the following sentences:

1. *The Beach* was mainly filmed on location / on site in Thailand.
2. Jodie Foster won an Oscar for her performance / play in *Silence of the Lambs*.
3. Cat Woman was one of the characters / actresses in *Batman*.
4. Anthony Hopkins heads the cast / the players in this moving costume drama.
5. I got a bit confused. The plot / tale was too complicated for me.
6. I'll never forget the action / the scene where they drive over the cliff at the end of *Thelma and Louise*.
7. *The Age of Innocence* won an award for the best costumes / uniforms.
8. Most American films are translated / are dubbed when they're shown in Europe but some countries prefer to show them in English with subtitles.
9. Have you heard the soundtrack / the screenplay for *Trainspotting*? It's brilliant.
10. The special tricks / special effects in *Total Recall* are amazing!

#### 6 It's won seven Oscars!

Match up the following verbs and nouns. Then use the expressions in the sentences below:

shoot	rave reviews
give	the scene
play	three Oscars
nominate	the role

1. Sean Connery . . . . . of James Bond for many years.
2. The film has been . . . . . for . . . . . – best film, best actress and best original screenplay.
3. The director decided it would be better to . . . . . in black and white.
4. I've heard it's a fantastic film. The critics have all . . . . . it . . . . .

#### 7 Asking about a film

Match the questions and answers below:

1. Where's it on?
  2. Who's in it?
  3. What's it about?
  4. Who directed it?
  5. What's it like?
- a. Steven Spielberg
  - b. A theme park terrorised by dinosaurs.
  - c. It's brilliant! / It's terrible!
  - d. Sam Neill and Laura Dern.
  - e. At the Odeon.

Do you know which film is referred to here?

What's the best film you've seen recently?

What's the best film you've ever seen?

Add your own words and expressions