

M O V I E S



A Guide for Talking about and Reviewing Movies



1 Introduction

1 Title? When was it made?
 1 Who was it directed by? Is it well-known/popular?
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(title).....was directed by....(director).....in..../
years ago. It is a very well-known film based
 on the book of the same name.

2 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, documentary

3 characters and actors

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

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

4 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.

5 Plot

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

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

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

6 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.

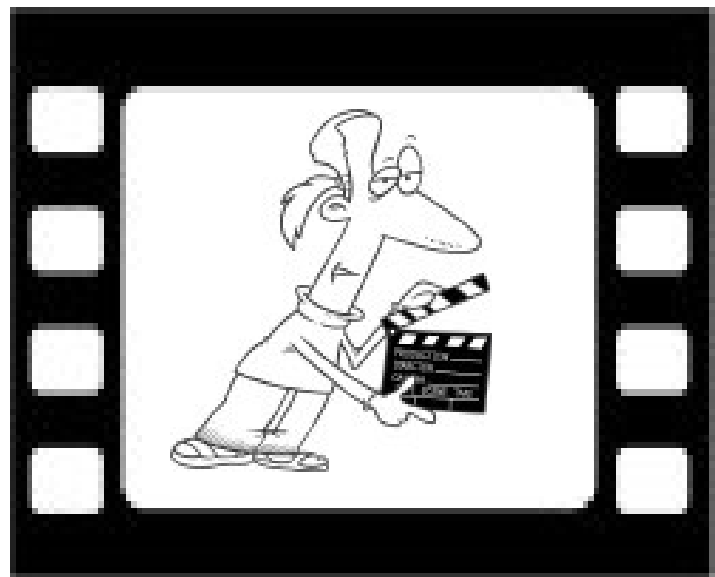
We went out to see a _____ last night. It was _____ to be a comedy, but it wasn't _____ at all! The plot (= story) was very boring, and the _____ was pretty bad. I didn't recognize any of the _____ I don't think any of them are _____. The _____ were expensive too - We paid \$20 for two! It wasn't _____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

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



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