



FILM & CINEMA

“The cinema is really built for the big screen and big sound, so that a person can go into another world and have an experience.”

David Lynch, American film director

1. Film & Cinema Discussion

1. How often do you watch films/movies? Do you go to the cinema often?
2. What are some of your favourite films/movies? Why do you like them so much?
3. What is the worst film you've ever seen? What made it so terrible?
4. Why are sequels never as good as the first film? Can you think of any exceptions?
5. What genres of film do you usually like? Are there any genres that you don't like?
6. Do you have a favourite actor? Why are they your favourite? How about film directors?
7. What are the scariest, funniest or most romantic films you've seen?
8. How would you define a great movie? What does it need to contain?

2. Film & Cinema Vocabulary

- **to live up to the hype** (verb) – *to be as good as was claimed or expected before a film was released.*
- **box office flop/bomb** (noun) – *a film that did not make a profit at the box office (ticket sales) and lost money.*
- **star-studded** (adjective) – *a film that has an all-star cast of many famous actors.*
- **tearjerker** (noun) – *a film that makes you cry or is sad.*
- **plot twist** (noun) – *when the story of the film (the plot) takes an unexpected or surprising turn.*
- **spoiler** (noun) – *a disclosure about a part of the plot, especially the ending.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun)

1. The live action version of *Cats* lost the studio more than \$100 million, making it one of the biggest _____ of all time.
2. Despite a lot of excitement that questions about the origins of the xenomorph were finally going to be answered, *Prometheus* didn't really _____ and most fans of the franchise were left disappointed.
3. I always try and watch a movie as soon as it opens in the cinemas because I'm so scared of seeing _____.
4. I can't watch _____ as I'm always overcome by my emotions. At the end of *Terminator 2: Judgement Day* I burst into tears as Arnie's thumb disappeared into the molten metal.
5. *Fight Club* had one of the greatest _____ in the history of cinema. Nobody saw that coming!
6. *The Avengers* features a _____ cast including Robert Downey Jr, Scarlet Johansson and Chris Evans.

Film & Cinema vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Can you think of a film that lived up to the hype? Can you think of a film that didn't live up to the hype?
2. Can you think of any box office flops? Why did they bomb?
3. Does having a star-studded cast guarantee success these days?
4. Which tearjerkers have you seen?
5. Which films have the greatest plot twists?
6. Has a spoiler ever ruined a film for you?

4. Film & Cinema Conversation Questions

1. How important is cinema for society? What benefit can cinema have for a society?
2. Do you think movies can have a big influence on people's lives? Which movies have had a big influence on your life?
3. Is going to the cinema worth the money these days? Is it too expensive? What effect have streaming services had on the cinema industry? What effect will they have in the future?
4. Are movies today better or worse than movies from the past? Why?
5. Do you think films these days rely too much on famous movie stars and expensive special effects instead of a good plot?
6. Are films too violent today? Do you think this has an effect on children? Do you think movies have made society more violent?
7. Are there any famous or well-known films from your country? How is your country usually portrayed by Hollywood?
8. Are most of the films you watch in English or your native language? Do you use subtitles? Do you think watching films is a good way to learn a language?

5. Film & Cinema Writing Task

Think of a film you've seen recently and write a review for it (no spoilers!). Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your review, include your thoughts on the following topics:

- The plot/story.
- The actors/acting.
- Why you would, or would not, recommend this film.

Alternative exam practice

Film is often considered a less important form of art when compared to other art forms such as literature or painting. Do you agree with this view?