

## TEXT C

**Movies**

In media studies, films are analyzed according to genre, and while most films will fit into one of the main categories, others do not. There are, however, certain features we would expect to see in a particular genre. An obvious example is an action film, where you are going to have some type of battle, stunt or scene of destruction. Additionally, there are the 'good guys' and the 'bad guys' and the latter rarely win. The Western is a good example of an action movie. As there is normally a gun fight at the end.

Adventure films are similar to action, and in some cases, it is hard to distinguish between the two categories. This genre commonly has exciting storylines and interesting locations and can, for instance, be set in the past with the main characters searching for treasure. Some film critics argue that science fiction movies are actually past of the action or adventure genres, the only difference being they rely more heavily on special effects and have unusual settings such as, on distant planets or in deep space. However, we can all think of sci-fi movies that are horror stories and this shows it isn't easy to decide on a specific genre.

Having said that, there are films that fit easily into a genre. Drama and Comedy are examples of this. Dramas are serious films that have believable characters in real-life locations and situations. The stories usually focus on main character development and the interactions between people. Although there are sub-types within this classification, such as historical dramas or love stories, most critics agree these movie, which make up the largest genre, are easy to categorize.

Finally, we should throw the spotlight on how to describe a film which crosses different genres and really can't be put neatly into one category. In such cases, it's better to avoid a specific label and, instead, define it as the work of a certain director. Using genre for analysis is useful, but it does have its limitations.

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### Read the text then choose the correct answers

#### 1. Genre analysis relates to the .....within a movie.

Features

Storyline

Characters

#### 2. According to the text, what does an action film typically involve?

A hero

A message

A conflict

#### 3. Adventure films .....

Usually take place in the past.

Can be difficult to classify

Are a type of an action movie.

#### 4. Sci-fi movies are unusual because they .....

Extend over various genres

Are always set in space

Are based on horror stories.

#### 5. Which statement is true for dramas?

They often include humor

They have an everyday setting

They focus on one main character

#### 6. How can some films be analyzed?

By referring to the director.

By highlighting the story

By using a special label