

Term 1: 2021-22

Reading and Maze Task

11 General/11 Applied [Level 7.1]

Films on Books

Increasingly, the film industry has been looking to books for the ideas for new films. The producers can use the popularity of a certain book to get people to see the film. It is exciting to hear about a new film that is based on a favourite book. As a keen reader, I wonder who the performers will be and if the film will follow the book exactly. The most important thing to discover is if the film will be just as good as the book. I love the idea of seeing something on a screen that has only previously been in my imagination.

The popular belief is that books are often a hundred times better than the same story told in a film. A year ago, I would have immediately chosen the book over the film version. I had read many books. Nevertheless, I'd never wanted to see the accompanying film. Books of any genre are great. They transport the reader to a different world and allow them to be a part of the story. The reader sees into the character's mind and understands their thoughts and feelings. With books, there is generally more detail, more focus on character development, and more depth when compared to film. Reading the book is also the more time-consuming form of the two. After finishing a novel, it can be difficult being forced back into reality.

On the other hand, the great thing about films is their ability to show the story instead of telling it. Watching the same story that you have read unfold on the big screen is a different experience and I've grown to find it very pleasant. While reading engages your imagination, a film helps you to visualise all the elements of the book. It uses music and visual designs which makes the viewing experience more powerful. Should you want to spend some time relaxing, you could do worse than watching a film.

Questions:

1. What is the author's main concern when viewing a film based on a book?
 - a. The actors/actresses starring in the film
 - b. That the film has the same quality as the book
 - c. That there are similarities between the book and the film
2. According to the text, what do most people think about this topic?
 - a. Reading the book is better than watching the film
 - b. Reading the book version takes too long
 - c. Watching the film version is more exciting

3. According to the text, what is one benefit of reading a book over watching the film version?
 - a. The reader becomes a character in the story
 - b. The book is always more meaningful than the film
 - c. The story can take readers to a different place or time
4. How does the author currently feel about books versus the film version?
 - a. The author believes that a film is more engaging
 - b. The author sees the pros and cons of both options
 - c. The author thinks the book is always better than the film version
5. What is the main purpose of this text?
 - a. To describe the author's past experience
 - b. To compare two different, related art forms
 - c. To express the author's feelings about a topic
6. It can be inferred that the author would most likely _____.
 - a. Prefer to read the book version
 - b. Prefer to watch the film adaptation
 - c. Make an effort to enjoy both version
7. Why do you believe that the author would make this choice? Use evidence from the text in your answer.

Justice: A worthwhile Watch

Recently, I 1 (*had been / have been / has been*) binge-watching a new show. My sister told me 2 (*then / that/ there*) it was excellent, and I agree You 3 (*should / could may*) consider watching the eighteen episodes of "Qalb Al Adala or Justice on Netflix Set in Abu Dhabi, this 4 (*fiction/ series /venue*) tells the tale of Farah, a young female lawyer Farah refuses to join her father's firm, 5 (*nevertheless / however / even though*) she is faced with the pressure of family ties and heritage