

Talking about films

1. Match the headings with the parts of the text.

- a) A way to take your mind off things.
- b) A good role model.
- c) A big part of our lives.
- d) Discovering new frontiers.
- e) Finding peace.
- f) A piece of art.

It goes without saying that cinema plays an important part in our life and society remaining one of the most available and popular forms of art. A great number of people find either going to the cinema or just watching a movie at home an exciting way of spending leisure time. Why?

The first reason is that films provide good relaxation for people of all ages and interests. In actual fact, if something funny, romantic or thrilling is on the screen, we can escape our own lives, forget about our everyday cares and feel the heroes' distress and happiness, in other words, we share others' emotions. Thus, in a motion picture we are bound to find something entertaining and exciting.

In the second place, it is a well-known fact that through films we learn a lot of different things, get acquainted with foreign countries' cultures, increase our knowledge of history, as well as of technology, science and other fields of human activity. Besides, very often films teach us good moral lessons, therefore they prove to be very instructive.

The next point is that on the screen we can see famous people, those who are known all over the world. It is true that the younger generation greatly admires celebrated film stars, and consider them as role models. For instance, seeing Angelina Jolly acting in a film most girls try to imitate her in clothes, speech or bearing.

Finally, it should be noted that any film is a piece of art. If everything, from its costume design to music, is done perfectly, this film is bound to become a masterpiece and will be giving its audience aesthetic pleasure forever.



2. Match the following characteristics of a film with their definition and translation.

scene	the main male character of a film	действие, развитие событий
title	a situation represented in a film	сюжет
plot (storyline)	things which are happening in a film	концовка, развязка
ending	the main female character of a film	герой
script	the name of a film	сценарий
the action	a written text of a film	изображать
hero	the story of a film, a series of events	героиня
heroine	to show, tell about something in a film	снимать
to depict	to use a camera to record a film	показывать
to shoot	the last part of a film	выпускать
to produce	to bring a film before the public	играть роль
to show	to make it possible for someone to see a film	выступать в главных ролях
to play the part of	to be the main actor in a film	заголовок, название
to star	to act as	сцена

3. Translate the Russian expressions into English.

A typical film has a _____ (название) and a _____ (сюжет) that is a _____ (история) told about in it. Such a _____ (сюжет) consists of events and different _____ (сцен), _____ (изображающие) various _____ (ситуации). On the whole, all things that happen in a film are called _____ (развитием событий). A film can have different settings that is where _____ (события, действия) take place according to the _____ (сценарий). Actors and actresses _____ (играют роль) of these or those _____ (героев и героинь). A lot depends on their _____ (игры): so if it is brilliant, their roles produce a deep impression on audience and also evoke strong emotions in them. The _____ (актеры) who _____ (выступают в главных ролях) in highly-financed and successful films (blockbusters) are doomed to become popular and famous. When a film is _____ (выпускают), it is _____ (показывают) in cinemas and then it sells out on DVDs. The first performance is called a first night or premiere [ˈpremiə].

4. Define if the statements are True (T) or False (F).

1. In a comedy we are bound to find heroes who fight against something unknown
2. The plot of a historical film is stuffed with love stories
3. A documentary is full of dances and songs
4. A soap opera tends to be shown on TV for a long time
5. A drama is characterized by a happy ending
6. A thriller typically depicts historical events
7. An action consists of many series
8. An adventurous film often tells us stories based on real life
9. A comedy can never keep us in suspense
10. A soap opera has a too complicated plot
11. A horror film amuses a viewer by jokes and funny scenes
12. A musical always evokes the feeling of terror in a viewer
13. A detective has a mystery as a basic part of its plot
14. A horror is intended to make us feel happy

5. Read the text and fill in the gaps with the correct words.

Last night I (1) ___ the Japanese film 'Death Note'. It was brilliant. It's a (2) ___ film about a notebook that kills people. The film is based on a Japanese manga cartoon and a TV series. The main character in the film (3) ___ Light Yagami. He's a 17 – year – old boy and he investigates the mysterious notebook. I love (4) ___ to the cinema, but I (5) ___ Japanese films. However, this one was really good! The film (6) ___ a few years ago in Japan. It (7) ___ in several film festivals in the west and then it finally (8) ___ in cinemas across the UK last week.



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| 1. A) watch | B) watched | C) was watched |
| 2. A) science
fictious | B) scientific | C) science fiction |
| 3. A) was | B) be | C) is |
| 4. A) go | B) going | C) to go |
| 5. A) usually don't like | B) not usually like | C) don't usually like |
| 6. A) came out | B) come
out | C) did come out |
| 7. A) appeared | B) did
appear | C) appears |
| 8. A) arrived | B) arrives | C) arrived |

6. Speak about film genres which you enjoy\do not enjoy.

• I find ...interesting / adorable/ sweet/ boring/ fantastic/rubbish • Watching ... gives/never gives me a lot of /much pleasure • I enjoy.../ it's not the kind of film I like	• a comedy • a musical • a horror film • an action • a thriller • a detective • a drama • a historical film • an adventurous film • a soap opera • a documentary film • a fantasy	Because As For the reason that	• I'm (never) interested in • I can spend hours/cannot spend a minute watching... • It does/doesn't evoke strong emotions in me to... • I (never) tend to be impressed by... • It is (not) the best entertainment for me to (watch)...	- historical events - comic situations - surprising plot twists - learn more about history - be kept in suspense - romantic/ dramatic/ funny/amusing scenes ...etc (see the table on film genres)
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7. Listen to the radio extract and choose the correct words.

1. Alan **always\sometimes** works as an actor.
2. Alan played a **policeman\thief** in one series.
3. Alan is in a **drama\comedy** series with Ben Johns.
4. His character in Two's Too Many was **bad\mad**.
5. He **is\isn't** in a film with Cate Blanchett.
6. The film was very **long\short**.
7. Alan is making a documentary about a **murder\wild animals**.