

11D Skills for Writing

It was an interesting film

Learn to write a review

W Structuring a review

1 SPEAKING AND LISTENING

a Ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Have you seen any of the films on these pages?
- 2 Have you ever watched a film more than once?

b **3.72** Melissa and Robin talk about a film. Listen and answer the questions.

- 1 What film are they talking about?
- 2 Did Robin like it? Did Melissa like it?

c **3.72** Listen again. Write Robin (R) or Melissa (M). Who ... ?

- 1 thinks James Bond films are always the same
- 2 thinks James Bond films are just for fun
- 3 thinks the special effects were good
- 4 is going to see the film again

d Choose a film you've seen and a film you haven't seen. Make notes. Think of:

- why you liked or didn't like the film
- why you'd like to see the other film.

e Talk about the two films from 1d.

- 1 Have other students seen them?
- 2 What did they think of them?

2 READING

a Melissa downloaded the film *Inception*. Read her review. Is it positive or negative?

b Read Melissa's review again and answer the questions.

- 1 How many times has she watched the film?
- 2 What is the best way to watch it?

c Robin went to see *Inception* at the cinema. Read his review. Is it positive or negative?

d Read Robin's review again and answer the questions.

- 1 Why did he go to see it?
- 2 What are the good and bad things he says about the film?
- 3 Does he think it's a good idea for other people to see or buy the film?

3 WRITING SKILLS Structuring a review

a Read Melissa and Robin's reviews again. Write the numbers of the sentences that answer the questions below.

- a ☒ 4 Who are the actors and are they good?
- b ☐ When did you see the film?
- c ☐ Did you like it?
- d ☐ Do you recommend it?
- e ☐ Who wrote or directed it?

b Look at some more comments about films. Which questions in 3a do they answer?

- 1 I loved it!
- 2 I heard it was good so I went to see it at the weekend.
- 3 I thought the story was quite interesting.
- 4 Leonardo DiCaprio is brilliant.
- 5 It's by Spanish director, Pedro Almodóvar.
- 6 Don't go to see it. It's terrible!
- 7 I thought it was a very funny film. I laughed a lot.

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REVIEWS ★★★★★

INCEPTION



“ I THOUGHT IT WAS AN INTERESTING AND EXCITING FILM, SO TRY TO SEE IT IF YOU CAN! ”

¹ I saw *Inception* at the cinema a month ago and I decided to download it so I could see it again. ² I've watched it three times now and it gets better every time. ³ It's by British director Christopher Nolan and it's a brilliant story. ⁴ All the actors are excellent, but I liked Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hardy the best. They play Cobb and Eames, part of a team trying to put ideas in another man's head. It's a good idea to watch this film on a big screen because it has great special effects. ⁵ I thought it was an interesting and exciting film, so try to see it if you can!

