

Introduction to Writing a Movie

1. Read the following text and complete the subtitles with the following options. Write the correct letter next to the step.

a. Finalize Your Movie	b. Edit and Revise	c. Outline the Plot
d. Write the Script	e. Develop Your Characters	f. Share and Seek Feedback

Step 1: Choose an Engaging Idea

To start writing a movie, you need a captivating idea. Think about different genres like comedy, drama, or action. Brainstorm ideas that interest you and could engage your audience.

Step 2: ____

Create characters that are relatable and memorable. Give them distinct personalities, backgrounds, and goals. Think about their strengths, weaknesses, and how they might evolve throughout the story.

Step 3: ____

Outline the main events of your movie. Consider the three-act structure: introduction, conflict development, and resolution. Create a compelling beginning, a central conflict, and a satisfying ending. Ensure that each scene connects and advances the story.

Step 4: ____

Start by writing the dialogue and actions of your characters. Use simple, concise sentences and avoid complex vocabulary. Keep in mind your target audience's language proficiency. Use dialogue tags to indicate who is speaking, such as "John said" or "Sara replied."

Step 5: Create Engaging Scenes

Structure your scenes to maintain your audience's interest. Include a variety of emotions, conflicts, and resolutions. Use visual descriptions to set the scene and engage the reader's imagination.

Step 6: ____

After completing the initial draft, take time to review and revise your script. Check for grammatical errors, spelling mistakes, and clarity. Make sure the dialogue flows smoothly and sounds natural. Consider seeking feedback from others to improve your work.

Step 7: Formatting the Script

Format your script properly to make it easier for actors, directors, and producers to read. Use industry-standard software like Final Draft or Celtx.

Format dialogue in the center of the page with character names in uppercase letters above it.

Step 8: Polish Your Work

After finalizing the script, read it aloud to ensure it sounds good. Adjust any dialogue that may sound awkward or unnatural. Pay attention to pacing, timing, and overall coherence. Make sure your story is engaging from start to finish.

Step 9: _____

Share your script with others and ask for feedback. Consider joining a writing group or sharing it with friends who can provide constructive criticism. Take note of their suggestions and make changes accordingly.

Step 10: _____

Once you're satisfied with your script, you can start thinking about bringing it to life. Collaborate with others, such as actors, directors, or producers, to turn your script into a movie. Remember, writing a movie is just the beginning of the creative process.

Writing a movie requires practice and patience. Keep exploring different genres, watching movies, and learning from other screenwriters to improve your skills. Good luck with your movie writing journey!

2. Answer the questions by choosing the correct option.

What is the purpose of Step 1 in the movie writing process?

- a) Develop the characters
- b) Create engaging scenes
- c) Choose an engaging idea
- d) Format the script

Which structure is commonly used for outlining a movie?

- a) Four-act structure
- b) Five-act structure
- c) Three-act structure
- d) Two-act structure

What should be considered while writing dialogue for a movie at a B1 level?

- a) Use complex vocabulary and idiomatic expressions
- b) Include extensive descriptions of each character
- c) Write simple, concise sentences and avoid complex vocabulary
- d) Focus on philosophical discussions

How can you make your movie script engaging for the audience?

- a) Include lengthy descriptions of each scene
- b) Stick to a single emotion throughout the story
- c) Create a variety of conflicts and resolutions
- d) Avoid visual descriptions to engage the audience's imagination

Why is it important to seek feedback on your movie script?

- a) To share your work with others
- b) To gain validation for your ideas
- c) To receive constructive criticism and improve your script
- d) To showcase your writing skills

3. Take a look at the following wordbank and rag the words in the correct sentence.

Script	Dialogue	Plot	Genre	Characters	Scenes
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- In a movie, the _____ play a crucial role in driving the story forward and connecting with the audience.
- The _____ is the written document that contains all the dialogue, actions, and descriptions of a movie.
- Each movie is composed of various _____ that contribute to the overall narrative and visual experience.
- Good _____ is essential to bring the characters to life and convey their thoughts, emotions, and interactions.
- When choosing a movie to watch, it's important to consider the _____ to ensure it aligns with your preferences.
- The _____ refers to the sequence of events that unfold in a movie, including the introduction, conflict, and resolution.

4. Complete each sentence using the second conditional form:

REMINDER!

IF	I <u>had</u> a car	I <u>would go</u> on holidays to another province.
	PAST SIMPLE	WOULD/WOULDN'T + VERB

- If I _____ (have) enough money, I _____ (organize) a private screening of my favorite movie for all my friends.
- If he _____ (be) a famous actor, he _____ (star) in blockbuster movies.

3. If we _____ (live) closer to the cinema, we _____ (be able) to watch movies more often.
 4. If she _____ (have) more free time, she _____ (have) a film marathon every weekend.
 5. If they _____ (know) the director personally, they _____ (have) the opportunity to work on a movie set.
 6. If the film industry _____ (not exist) , we _____ (be) missing out on so many incredible stories.
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