



4-D experience

Your seat moves, you feel water on your face and you can smell something. It's the latest 4-D cinema experience. The screens are bigger and the seats are in the most comfortable position for your eyes and neck. But is it fun? 'It's more exciting than 3-D,' said fifteen-year-old Adam, 'because it's brighter and louder.' His friend Jessica agrees. 'The most exciting scene was in the car. I felt like I was driving, but my car wasn't fast enough.' For others, the experience isn't as good as 3-D and you can feel sick. 'The moving seats were worse than the sound!' said Alice. 'I was too uncomfortable.' Some special effects are also scarier in 4-D. Of course, the tickets are also more expensive, but it seems some people are happy to pay for the best feeling in the world!

1 Do you prefer watching films at home or at the cinema? Why?

2 4.07 Read the article and choose the correct option.

- Adam, Jessica and Alice watched a film in 3-D / 4-D.
- They watched the film at home / at the cinema.

3 Study the Grammar box. Find more examples of comparatives and superlatives in the text.

GRAMMAR

Comparatives and superlatives, (not) as ... as, too/(not) enough

We use comparatives to compare two things.

The screens are bigger. It's more exciting than 3-D.

We also use (not) as + adjective + as to compare two things.

The experience isn't as good as 3-D.

We use superlatives to compare three or more things.

It's the latest 4-D experience.

It's the best feeling in the world.

We use *less* and *the least* with adjectives of two or more syllables to mean 'not so much'.

The musical is less popular than the film.

The love scene is the least exciting in the film.

We use *too* to say things are 'in excess', and *not enough* to say things are 'not sufficient'.

I was too uncomfortable. My car wasn't fast enough.

4 Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the words in brackets.

- They filmed the best (good) *Doctor Who* episodes in Wales.
- It's (...) (cheap) to watch films at home than at the cinema and it's (...) (relaxing).
- Top Gear* is the (...) (funny) show on TV.
- The book is often (...) (interesting) than the film. ⁴more interesting
- The (...) (expensive) cinema ticket I bought cost £20. ⁵most expensive
- It can be noisy in the cinema. The (...) (bad) thing is when people keep talking. ⁶worst
²cheaper, more relaxing ³funniest

5 Order the words to make sentences.

- comfortable / the seat / enough / wasn't / .
The seat wasn't comfortable enough.
- the cinema / than / less / popular / is / the theatre / .
- crowded / the stadium / too / was / .
- good as / as / wasn't / the play / the film / .
- the / in the show / least / he is / famous actor / .

6 Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first one.

- The adults aren't as good as the children in that film.
The children are better than the adults in that film.
- Our town isn't big enough for a theatre.
Our town is (...) for a theatre.
- The film is funnier than the book.
The book isn't (...) the film.
- The main character in the film is too boring.
The main character in the film isn't (...).
- The French thriller isn't as scary as the Danish thriller.
The Danish thriller is (...) the French thriller.
- Horror series are less popular than detective series.
Horror series aren't (...) detective series.

7 **CHALLENGE** What's your opinion? Write two sentences for each comparison. Use the adjectives in brackets or your own ideas.

- the theatre/the cinema (cheap/exciting)
The cinema is cheaper than the theatre.
The theatre isn't as exciting as the cinema.
- comedies/documentaries (funny/interesting)
- books/films (good/relaxing)



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