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Speaking skills practice: Giving your opinion – exercises

What films have you seen recently? Were they good? Gemma and Jack bump into each other at the cinema and talk about films.

Do the preparation exercise first. Then watch the video and follow the instructions to practise your speaking.

Preparation

Are the comments negative or positive? Circle *Positive* or *Negative* for these sentences.

Positive	It was boring.	*Negative*
Positive	It was brilliant.	*Negative*
Positive	It was really exciting.	*Negative*
Positive	It was cool.	*Negative*
Positive	I can't stand her.	*Negative*
Positive	She's so annoying.	*Negative*

1. Check your understanding: matching

Match the films with the correct descriptions and write a–d next to the numbers 1–4.

1…….. *Tornado Express*

2…….. *Friends Forever*

3…….. *Double Revenge*

4…….. *Maximum Risk*

a. Jack wants to see this film but Gemma dislikes the actress in it.

b. Gemma saw this. It was really exciting and the special effects were good.

c. Jack thinks the actress was good in the film. Gemma hasn't seen this one.

d. Jack saw this with his sister. He thought it was boring but his sister liked it.

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2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the dialogue with phrases from the box.

sounds good	was brilliant	Was it good	can't stand her
not that bad		loved it	

Jack: Oh! Hi Gemma. How's it going?

Gemma: Oh. Hi Jack. Have you just seen *Tornado Express* too?

Jack: Mm … no. I saw *Friends Forever* with my sister.

Gemma: Oh! [1]_____?

Jack: Pff … no, not really. It was boring. But Molly liked it. She loves that kind of thing. What about *Tornado Express?* Was that good?

Gemma: Yeah, it [2]_____! Really exciting and the special effects were so good!

Jack: Sounds cool.

Gemma: Yeah, I [3]_____!

Jack I really want to see that film, *Double Revenge.* Have you heard of it?

Gemma: Oh, yeah … with Jessica Foster? Ah, I [4]_____! She's so annoying!

Jack: Really? Do you think so? She was good in that film *Maximum Risk.*

Gemma: Oh, I haven't seen that one. OK, maybe she's [5]_____!

Jack: Well, maybe we should check out *Double Revenge* together some time.

Gemma: Yeah, that [6]_____.

Jack: All right, great.

Gemma: See you later.

Jack: OK, yeah. See you.

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3. Check your understanding: ordering

Write numbers (1–4) to put the dialogue in order.

.....	Oh, was it good?
.....	Hi Jack. Have you just seen *Tornado Express* too?
.....	Pfff … no, not really. It was boring. But Molly liked it.
.....	Mm … no. I saw *Friends Forever* with my sister.

Write numbers (1–3) to put the dialogue in order.

.....	Sounds cool.
.....	Yeah, it was brilliant! Really exciting and the special effects were so good!
.....	What about *Tornado Express*? Was that good?

Write numbers (1–4) to put the dialogue in order.

.....	Oh yeah … with Jessica Foster? Ah, I can't stand her! She's so annoying!
.....	Oh, I haven't seen that one. OK, maybe she's not that bad.
.....	I really want to see that film, *Double Revenge*. Have you heard of it?
.....	Really? Do you think so? She was good in that film *Maximum Risk*.

Write numbers (1–3) to put the dialogue in order.

.....	Yeah, that sounds good.
.....	All right, great.
.....	Well, maybe we should check out *Double Revenge* together some time.

Discussion
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