



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 **C 3.21** 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 **C 3.22** 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

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 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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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!



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?

c Look at the reviews again. How are sentences 1–3 different from the ones in the reviews?

- 1 I saw *Inception* at the cinema a month ago and I decided to download *Inception* so I could see *Inception* again.
- 2 I liked Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hardy the best. Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hardy play Cobb and Eames ...
- 3 I saw *Inception* last week. My friend Charlie told me *Inception* was good.

d **C 3.23** Answer the questions

- 1 How many times did Melissa and Robin write the name of the film in their reviews?
- 2 What words did they use in place of the film names?

4 WRITING AND SPEAKING

a Plan a review of a film you've seen. Make notes, using the questions in 3a and the comments in 3b to help you.

b Write your review. Use Melissa and Robin's reviews to help you.

c Swap reviews with another student and check. Does your partner's review answer the questions in 3a?

d Read other students' reviews. Which film would you like to see?

“ JOSEPH GORDON-LEVITT IS EXCELLENT IN THE ROLE OF ARTHUR ”

¹ I saw *Inception* last week. ² My friend Charlie told me it was good. He usually likes the films I like so I went to see it, but I didn't enjoy it very much. ³ Christopher Nolan, who made the *Batman* films, wrote and directed it. ⁴ There are a lot of well-known actors in the film (Joseph Gordon-Levitt is excellent in the role of Arthur), but I thought the story was quite difficult to understand and also too long. ⁵ See it if you have a spare two and a half hours ...