43 Books and films

A Books

"I used to hate **literature**[1] at school, but now I read a lot. I started off with **fiction**[2]. I read hundreds of **novels**[3], mostly **thrillers**[4] and **science fiction**[5]. My favourite **author**[6] is John le Carré.

Recently, I've started reading quite a lot of **biographies**[7], and even some **poetry**[8]. Two of my favourite **poets** are Antonio Machado and Federico García Lorca. They both wrote **poems** in the early 20th **century**."

[1] serious and important writing
[2] stories about imaginary people and events
[3] fiction books
[4] exciting stories, often about crime
[5] stories about the future
[6] someone who writes books
[7] stories of a person's life, written by another person
[8] pieces of creative writing in short lines

B Films

How do you decide which films you are going to see?



If it's a **horror film** [a film that makes people frightened, e.g. *Dracula*], I usually go and see it. I love horror films.



If a film gets good **reviews** [opinions in a newspaper or magazine], then I often go and see it.



If there's a big **star** [a famous actor] in it, then I am more likely to see it. I don't normally go and see films if I don't recognise the names of the **actors** [the people who are in films].



I'm not interested in films that are serious or **complicated** [difficult to understand]; I only go to the cinema for **entertainment** [things you see or do to enjoy yourself].



I like **comedies** [films that are funny] and especially **romantic comedies** [comedies that have a love story]. I'll go and see anything that Ashton Kutcher is in!



I look to see **what's on** [what films are being shown at the *cinema*], and go to anything that I **fancy** seeing [want to see; *infml*].



For me, the **film director** [the person who tells the actors what to do, e.g. Spielberg] is the most important thing. I always go and see the **latest** film [the newest, most recent] by directors I really like such as Ben Affleck.

Language help

noun	person	verb
entertainment	**entertainer**	**entertain**
review	**reviewer**	**review**
acting	actor	**act**
directing	director	**direct**

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Exercises

43.1 Find twelve more words, across or down, connected with books and films.

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T	A	P	U	R	F	L	S	F	V
E	N	O	V	E	L	L	T	I	I
P	O	E	T	R	Y	E	A	L	E
C	O	M	E	D	Y	R	R	M	W

43.2 Cross out one wrong word in each sentence. Write the correct word at the end.

1 Many ~~poems~~ are around 300 pages. *novels*
2 Cinema grew in popularity in the first half of the 20th year. .....
3 I enjoy science fiction because I like stories about the past. .....
4 What's happening at the cinema? .....
5 We went to see the film because there was a good article in the newspaper. .....
6 I've been reading a new autobiography of Alfred Hitchcock by Donald Spoto. .....
7 Comedies should make people frightened. .....

43.3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word on the right.

1 William Wordsworth is a very famous *poet*. — POETRY
2 I thought the film was good ..... . — ENTERTAIN
3 Johnny Depp is one of my favourite ..... . — ACT
4 My daughter wrote a lovely ..... for her school magazine. — POETRY
5 I thought the ..... in the film was a bit unnatural. — ACT
6 I like him very much; he's a great ..... . — ENTERTAIN
7 I didn't agree with what the ..... said. — REVIEW
8 Who's your favourite ..... ? — DIRECT

43.4 Complete the dialogue.

A: What's [1] *on* ..... at the cinema?
B: Er, there's the [2] ..... film by Pedro Almodóvar. It only came out yesterday.
A: Oh, the guy who [3] ..... *Julieta*. He's a very good [4] ....., but I don't understand some of his films – they're a bit [5] ..... for me. Anything else [6] ..... ?
B: Well, a couple of romantic [7] ..... , which may be fun. And they're showing *The Kite Runner* again.
A: Oh, what's that?
B: It's a film based on the [8] ..... by Khaled Hosseini. It's a very good book. Do you [9] ..... seeing that?
A: Yeah, why not.

43.5 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

1 Do you read novels or poetry? If so, what do you like? Who are your favourite authors?

2 Do you go to the cinema? If so, how do you decide which films to go and see?

3 Do you often read film reviews?

4 What are your favourite films? Who are your favourite actors?

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