

1- Look at the film posters and match them to the types of films in the box.

1- A documentary

2- An action film

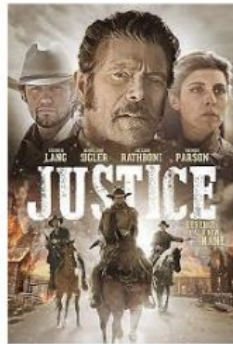
3- A science fiction film

4- A horror film

5- A musical

6- A western

7- A (historical) drama



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Answer these questions about you.

a- How many of the films in the posters have you seen? What do you think about them?

b- Do you like watching any of these types of films in particular?

- 3- There are some amazing facts about films that sometimes we don't know. I want to share with you a text with fascinating facts about film extras.

FASCINATING FACTS about film extras

Producer Mario Cecchi employed a very large number of **actors** for his 125th film, *The Department Store* (1986). He told everyone it was his last film and used every available actor from his previous 124 films. Some were the **stars** of the film, but most of them had **roles** as extras.

In the western *Man of Conquest* (1939) the Native American actors used sign language. The **studio** said they didn't have speaking roles so they should earn less money than the other actors. The Native Americans told the actors' union that sign language was speaking, and they wanted more money. They got it.

During the filming of *Reds* (1981), director Warren Beatty told the extras about the theories of Marxist John Read, who said that workers were badly treated in capitalist societies. The extras learnt quickly. They had a meeting and refused to work the next day because the salary was too low. Beatty agreed to pay more.

The **extras** in *Hell's Highway* (1932) were all ex-criminals. **Director** Fritz Lang used real criminals in his film, *M* (1931). Before filming finished, twenty-four were arrested for various crimes.

The largest number of extras in a film was for *Gandhi* (1982) – 300,000 for the funeral **scene**. People heard about the film through radio and newspaper advertisements, on TV and on the streets. There were 94,560 extras with a contract (they earned 40p each) and more than 200,000 volunteers. The scene was filmed on 31st January, exactly thirty-three years after Gandhi's funeral, and it took two minutes and five seconds of the film.

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A- Read the text quickly and choose the correct option

- 1- This text refers to
 - a. Four films
 - b- five films
 - c. two films
- 2- All the films mentioned were made
 - a. Before the 2000s
 - b. after the 2000s
 - c. during the 2000s

B- Read and match the words in bold in the text with the definitions 1-8. (Write the right word next to each sentence.)

- 1- A short part of a film, when the events happen in one place
- 2- A person who controls the artistic part of a film and tells the actors what to do.
- 3- A person who controls the making of a film, e.g. the money involved.
- 4- People who perform in films or plays.
- 5- People who appear in a film, but have small unimportant parts
- 6- A film company
- 7- Characters in a film
- 8- Very famous actors

C- Read the text again and write the name of the film next to the corresponding fact.

- 1-While making this film, some people who played small parts were arrested for several illegal acts.
- 2- In this film some native Americans appear.
- 3-One of the scenes in this film was shot on 31st January.
- 4-The director of this film told the actors about some theories against the Capitalism system.

4- About you.

1-What's your favourite film or series? Why do you like it?

2-Can you mention any fascinating fact about it?