

Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!



Shot on location

1 Reading

a Look at the photos with the article. Do they remind you of any films or TV series that you have seen?

b Now read the article and complete it with a past participle from the list;
[You are standing in the place where...](#)

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c Read the article again. Complete.

- 1 is not really as it seems in films.
- 2 has a permanent exhibition there.
- 3 was used for the same thing both in real life and on TV.
- 4 is where a famous author met a person who inspired him.
- 5 is one of the few places of its kind that still exists.
- 6 is only open during holiday periods.

7 was built in the 1500s.

8 is sometimes not open because people are working there.

d Have you seen any of the films or TV series mentioned? Which of the three places would you most like to visit? Why?

2 Grammar; passive (all tenses)

- 1 A lot of films **are shot** on location.
Our car **is being repaired** today.
Andy's bike **has been stolen**.
The director died when the film **was being made**.
You'll **be picked up** at the airport by one of our staff.
This bill **has to be paid** tomorrow.

We often use the passive when it's not said, known, or important who does an action. Andy's bike **has been stolen**. (= Somebody has stolen Andy's bike. We don't know who.)

2 Batman Begins **was directed** by Christopher Nolan.

2 If you want to say who did the action, use by.

- We can often say things in two ways, in the active or in the passive. Compare: Batman Begins **was directed** by Christopher Nolan. (= the focus is more on the film)



Christopher Nolan directed Batman Begins in 2005. (= the focus is more on Nolan)

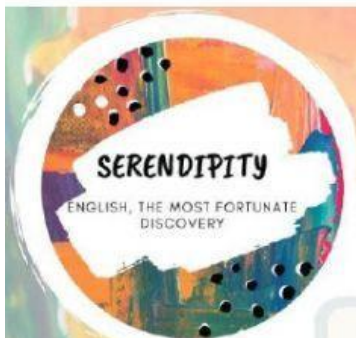
- We form negatives and questions in the same way as in active sentences. Some films **aren't shot** on location.

Is your car **being repaired** today?

- We often use the passive to talk about processes, for example scientific processes, and in formal writing, such as newspaper reports.

Then the water **is heated** to 100 degrees ...

Many buildings in the city **have been damaged** by the earthquake.



a Choose the correct form, active or passive.

The college **built** / **was built** in the 16th century.

1 The costumes for the show **are making** / **are being made** by hand. 2

The landscape **inspired** / **was inspired** him to write a poem.

3 This castle **hasn't inhabited** / **hasn't been inhabited** for nearly a century.

4 The director's last film **set** / **is set** in the present.

5 The film **will shoot** / **will be shot** in the autumn.

6 The actors **aren't recording** / **aren't being recorded** the dialogue until next week.

7 The house **wasn't using** / **wasn't being used** by the owners during the winter.

8 The make-up artist **has transformed** / **has been transformed** the actor into a monster.

9 They **hadn't owned** / **hadn't been owned** the company for very long before they went bankrupt.

10 The photo **took** / **was taken** by my husband on the balcony of our hotel.

b Rewrite the sentences with the passive. Only use *by* if necessary. People don't use this room very often. *This room isn't used very often.*

1 They subtitle a lot of foreign films.

A lot of foreign films

2 Garcia Marquez wrote Love in the Time of Cholera

Love in the Time of Cholera

3 Someone is repairing my laptop.

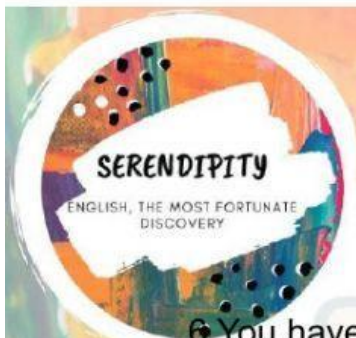
My laptop

4 They haven't released the DVD of the film yet.

The DVD of the film

5 They won't finish the film until the spring.

The film



6 You have to collect the tickets from the box office.

The tickets

7 They hadn't told the actor about the changes in the script.

The actor

8 James Cameron directed Avatar.

Avatar

9 They've already recorded the soundtrack.

The soundtrack

10 They were interviewing the director about the film.

The director

3 Pronunciation; sentence stress

Listen and write

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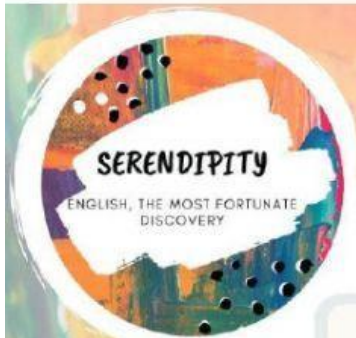
4 Vocabulary; cinema

a Look at some extracts. What do you think the highlighted phrases mean?

1 Cortlandt Alley has been used for almost all the alley scenes in films and TV series that **are set in** New York.

2 These scenes **are based** on a real-life event.

3 Both the interior and exterior scenes **were shot** in and around the castle itself.



b Kinds of films. Think of a famous film for each kind. Then say; What kind of film is often funny / violent / exciting / scary / moving? What kind of films do you / don't you like? Why?

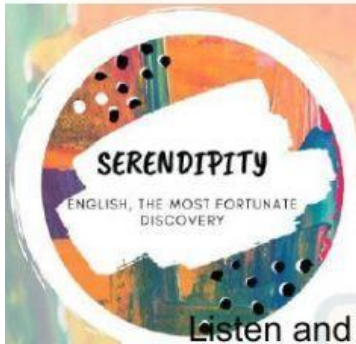
an action film	an animation film	a comedy	a drama
a historical film	a horror film	a musical	a rom-com
a science fiction film	a thriller	a war film	a western

film and movie

Film and movie mean the same, but movie is more common in American English.

c Match the nouns and definitions.

- all the people who act in a film
- (also verb) the most important actor or actress in a film
- the music of a film
- the story of a film
- a part of a film happening in one place
- the people who watch a film in a cinema
- a film which continues the story of an earlier film
- images often created by a computer
- the words of the film
- a person in a film who has a small unimportant part, e.g. in a crowd scene
- the translation of the dialogue into another language
- an article which gives an opinion on a new film, book, etc.



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d Match sentences 1-6 with sentences A-F.

It **was directed** by Tate Taylor. ☐

It **was dubbed** into other languages. ☐

Viola Davis **played the part of** Aibileen Clark. ☐

The film **is set** in Mississippi in the USA during the 1960s. ☐

It **is based on** the novel of the same name by Kathryn Stockett. ☐

It **was shot** (filmed) on location in Greenwood, Mississippi. ☐

A It was situated in that place at that time.

B He was the director.

C This was her role in the film.

D The voices of foreign actors were used.

E It was an adaptation of the book.

F It was filmed in the real place, not in a studio.

be on

be on = being shown on TV or at the cinema

What's **on** TV tonight?

What's **on** at the cinema at the moment?

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e Explain the difference between these pairs of words and phrases.

1 a plot and a script

2 a horror film and a thriller

3 a musical and a soundtrack

4 the main cast and the extras

5 Speaking

a Read the cinema interview and think about your answers and reasons.



1 CAN YOU THINK OF A FILM WHICH ... ?

- was incredibly funny
- had a very sad ending
- sent you to sleep
- made you feel good
- you've seen several times
- made you buy the soundtrack

2 DO YOU PREFER ... ?

- seeing films at home, or in the cinema
- seeing a) American films
b) other foreign films
c) films from your country
- seeing foreign films dubbed or with subtitles

3 TELL ME ABOUT A REALLY GOOD FILM YOU'VE SEEN THIS YEAR

- What kind of film is it?
- Is it based on a book or on a real event?
- Where and when is it set?
- Who's in it? Who is it directed by?
- Does it have a good plot?
- Does it have a good soundtrack?
- Why did you like it?