

Hello!

Welcome to Opportunities for Serendipity English Course!



Shot on location

1 Reading

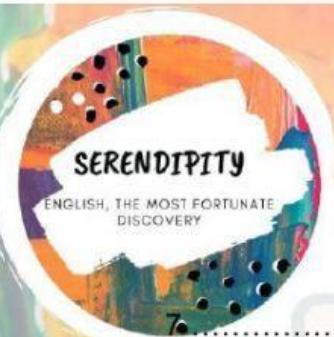
a Look at the photos with the article. Do they remind you of any films or TV series that you have seen?

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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2.	5.	8.
3.	6.	9.

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.

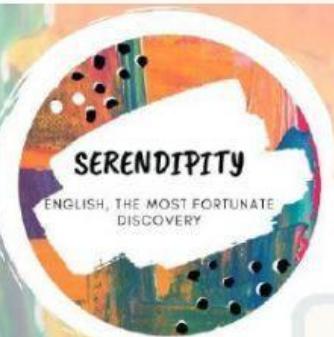
Is your car **being repaired** today?

- 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.

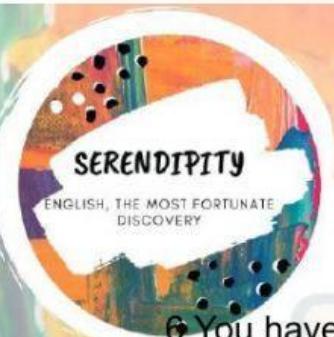
My laptop

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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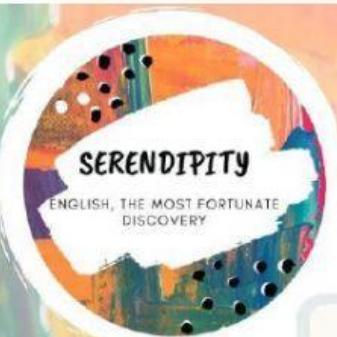
4 Vocabulary; cinema

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?

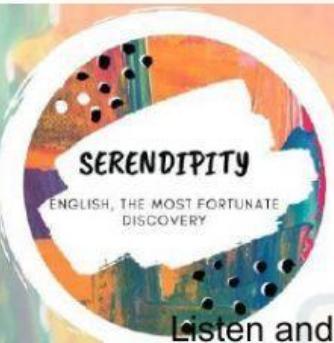
an action film	an animation film	a comedy	a drama
a historical film	a horror film	a musical	a rom-com
a science fiction film	a thriller	a war film	a western

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

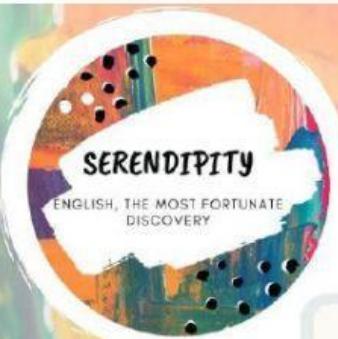
What's on TV tonight?

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.

THE Cinema INTERVIEW

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?