

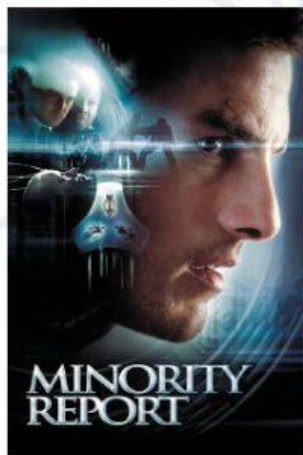
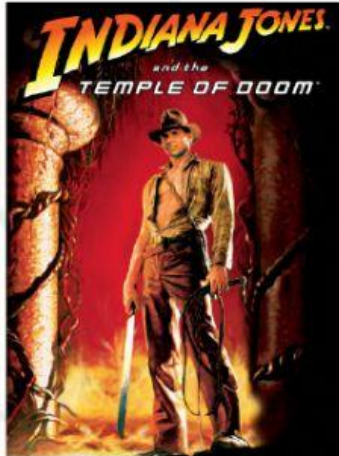
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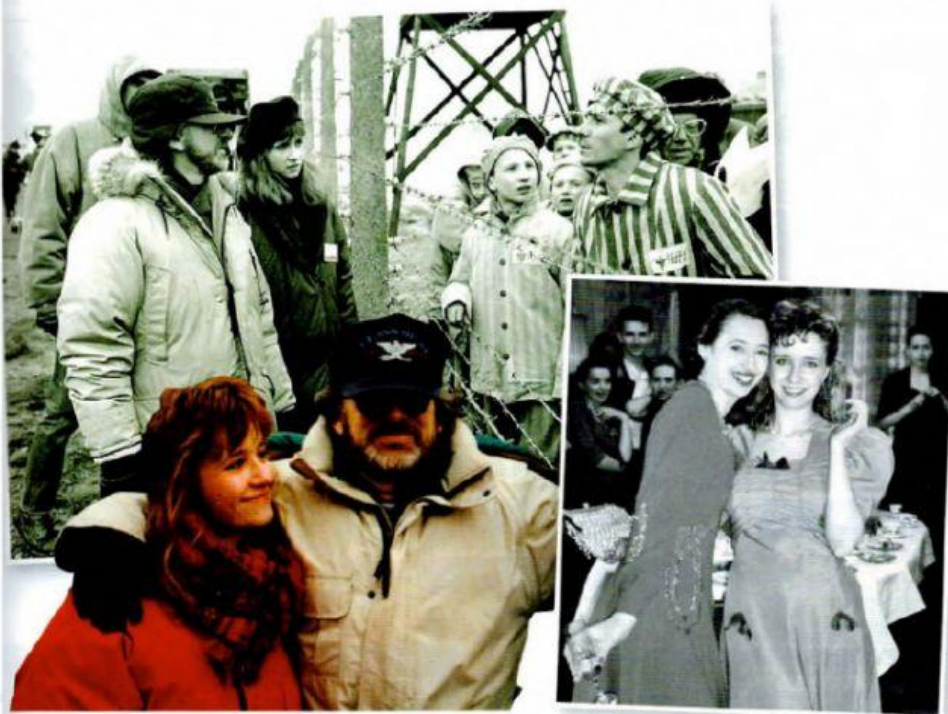
OPPORTUNITIES
English!

6 Speaking & Listening

a Look at the images from some famous films. What kinds of films are they? Have you seen any of them? What are they about? What do you think they have in common?



b Now look at some photos of Steven Spielberg and Dagmara Walkowicz, who worked as an interpreter on one of his films. In pairs, answer the questions.



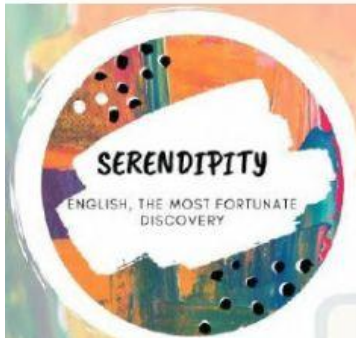
- 1 Where do you think they are?
- 2 Which Spielberg film do you think was being made?
- 3 What do you think Dagmara is doing in the photo on the right?
- 4 Do you think Dagmara found Spielberg easy to work with?

c Listen to the first part of an interview with Dagmara and check your answers to b 1 and 2.

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d Listen again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 When the film company came to Krakow, Dagmara was working as a teacher. ☐
- 2 She got a part-time job doing translations for them. ☐
- 3 There was a party at the hotel to celebrate Spielberg's birthday. ☐
- 4 When she arrived he was asked to interpret Spielberg's speech, because the interpreter was late. ☐
- 5 Spielberg was very pleased with the way she had done her job. ☐



e Now listen to the second part of the interview and check your answers to b 3 and 4. 3.37

f Listen again and make notes.

What she had to do during the film

The worst thing about the job

One especially difficult scene

What it was like to work with Spielberg

Being an extra

What happened after the film was finished

g Would you have liked to have done Dagmara's job? Do you think she made the right decision in the end?

7 Writing: A film review

a Read the film review and complete it with the words in the list; **action based directed location recommend sequels set soundtrack stars**

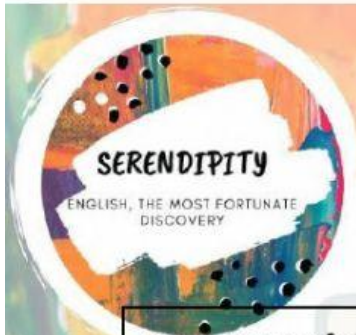
CLASSIC FILMS YOU MUST SEE

PLEASE POST YOUR SUGGESTIONS

The Godfather (1972)

The film The Godfather is **1 based** on the book by Mario Puzo. The film was **2** by Martin Scorsese. It **3** Marlon Brando as Vito Corleone and Al Pacino as his son, Michael. The film won three Oscars in 1973 for Best Actor (Marlon Brando), Best Movie, and Best Screenplay. The film is **4** in New York in the 1940s and 50s. It was filmed on **5** in New York and in Sicily.

The film is about the Corleone family. Vito, 'The Godfather', is head of one of the

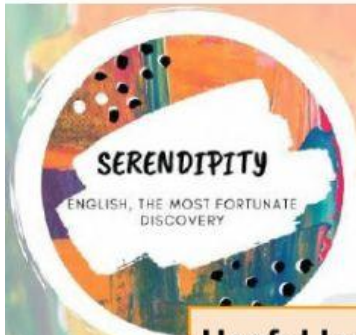


most powerful criminal families in America. Don Vito is a fair but ruthless man, who runs his business by doing favours and expecting favours in return. The Corleones get involved in a war with other criminal families, because they don't want to sell drugs. Don Vito is shot and he is seriously injured. While Don Vito is in hospital, control of the family passes to his eldest son, Sonny. Sonny is a hot-head, and with him in charge, the war between the various families becomes more violent. Don Vito's youngest son, Michael, has always stayed outside the family business, but when Don Vito is shot, he returns home to do what he can to help the family. He also takes his revenge against the people who are trying to kill his father. In the end, Sonny is shot and Michael becomes the new Godfather.

I strongly **6** The Godfather. It has **7** , drama, an unforgettable **8** and an important message: that violence never really solves anything. The two **9** , The Godfather II and The Godfather III are also good, but the first film is definitely my favourite.

b Read the review again and number the paragraphs in order 1- 4.

Paragraph ☐	The plot.
Paragraph ☐	The name of the film, the director, the stars, and any prizes it won.
Paragraph ☐	Why you recommend the film.
Paragraph ☐	Where and when it is set. Where it was filmed.



Useful language: describing a film

It was directed / written by...

It is set in...

It is based on the book...

I strongly recommend (the film) because ...

In the end ...

My favourite scene is ...

It's about...

It stars ...

c Write a film review about a film you would recommend people to see at the cinema. Plan what you are going to write in the four paragraphs. Use the Useful language and Vocabulary to help you.