Movie Review

1 Translate the term *"Movie review"*.

Movie review = _____

2 Read a review about the movie "King Kong".

1) "King Kong" (2005), directed by Peter Jackson, is an action-packed fantasy film. The main stars are Naomi Watts and Adrien Brody. Andy Serkis (Gollum from "The Lord of the Rings") plays King Kong.

2) In the 1930s, a group of explorers and film makers go to an unexplored island because they have heard strange stories about it. They find a giant gorilla, King Kong, **plus** a lot of strange animals **like** dinosaurs and giant spiders and worms. They capture King Kong with the help of the actress Ann Darrow (played by Naomi Watts) and take him back to New York. **However**, they don't know the strength of the eight-meter-tall gorilla.

3) **Although** some parts are really exciting, I think the film is too long – 187 minutes. **Also** some scenes, **such as** running with the dinosaurs, are not very convincing. **However**, most of the special effects are excellent and the acting is good **as well**. Naomi Watts is great, **although** King Kong is the real star of the show! The scene with him on top of the Empire State building is amazing!

4) I really enjoyed "King Kong". If you are like me and you like action and some great visual effects, then the movie is definitely worth seeing. Don't miss it!

3 Is the review about "King Kong" generally positive or negative? Why do you think that?

I think that the review is generally _____ ,

because _____ .

4 What does each paragraph (1-4) of the review talk about? What heading (virsraksts) could you give each of the paragraphs?

1st paragraph *C*	**a)** Background of the story – short description of the plot – where?, when?, what happens?
2nd paragraph	**b)** Reviewer's recommendations – is it good/bad, should people see it, who and why would like it
3rd paragraph	**c)** General information – the title of the move, genre of the movie, release date, the director, main actors
4th paragraph	**d)** Reviewer's opinion – what you liked or disliked about the movie (acting, story, special effects, music...) and why.

5 You can see 7 linking words (saikļi) in the review abiyt "King Kong" that are in BOLD (treknrakstā). Put them into 3 groups.
(Grupējot saikļus, pievērs uzmanību tam, kādu funkciju tie pilda. Ja vajag, iztulko tos.)

These are used to talk about <u>addition</u> – *plus,*

These are used to express <u>contrast</u> –

These are used before giving <u>example</u> –

6 Read another review, this time about a movie called "Mission Impossible III". Choose the correct linking words in the text.

"Mission Impossible 3" (2006) stars Tom Cruise as agent Ethan Hunt in the third spy thriller in the series. With a different director from the first two films, JJ Abrams, the movie 1) *also / like* stars Michelle Monaghan as Hunt's girlfriend and Phillip Seymour Hoffman as the enemy.

Ethan Hunt is a trainer of spies. One of his old students is captured by an evil arms dealer (Phillip Seymour Hoffman). Hunt's mission in this film is to rescue her. 2) *Plus / However*, the mission goes wrong and Hunt's girlfriend (Michelle Monaghan) is put in danger.

There are a lot of exciting scenes in the movie 3) *like / as* explosions and a helicopter chase. The special effects, 4) *such as / such like* the jump from a Shanghai skyscraper, are also good.
5) *However / as well,* the plot is a bit silly. 6) *Such as / Also* the acting isn't very convincing. The star of the show is the arms dealer played by Hoffman 7) *also / howeve* he isn't used enough in the movie.

I don't really recommend "Mission Impossible 3". If you really like spy films, then go see it.
8) *Plus / However*, don't expect a brilliant story.

!!! VERY IMPORTANT!!!

Nākamajā stundā (pirmdien) jūs rakstītsiet savu filmas apskatu/recenziju, par jebkruru filmu angļu valodā uz atzīmi! Nosacījums ir, ka darbu rakstīsiet uz vietas stundā uz papīra lapas.

Pirms tam mājās jums ir šādi uzdevumi, lai sagatavotos darbam:

- Izvēlieties un noskatieties filmu un atrodiet nepieciešamo informāciju par to internetā.
- Laikus izdomājiet, ko tieši savā apskatā rakstīsiet, lai stundā pietiktu laika to visu uzlikt uz papīra.
- Iemācieties grūtos vārdus no galvas, jo stundā telefonus un tulkotājus izmantot nevarēs!
- Sagatavojiet <u>mazu</u> špikeri (ja nepieciešams) ar pašu svarīgāko informāciju, ko visgrūtāk atcerēties – filmas izlaišanas gads, galvenie aktieri, režisors, galvenie plāna punkti, par ko rakstīsiet…

!!! Špikerim jābūt maziņam. Ja filmas apskats tiks uzrakstīts jau mājās, bet stundā pārrakstīts vārds vārdā, darbs netiks ieskaitīts!

!!! Filmas apskatā jābūt vismaz 4 rindkopām – tajās jābūt tādai informācijai, kā šīs darba lapas 4. uzdevumā! Ja 4. uzdevumā rakstītais nav bijis pavisam skaidrs, izmanto tulkotāju, lai saprastu, kādas lietas jāraksta recenzijā. Recenzijas aptuvenais vārdu skaits – 150-200 vārdi.