

Dialogue 21A

Mark: I think watching movies is a waste of time.

Sue: Really? I don't think so. Why do you think that?

Mark: Because when you watch a movie you are lazy and you don't learn anything.

Sue: Right I understand what you're saying, but **another way to look at it** is that it's helpful to watch movies—especially if you are studying English.

Mark: What do you mean?

Sue: Well, if you watch a movie in English, you can practice reading English subtitles and maybe your reading skills will improve.

Mark: I guess...

Sue: And if you want to improve your listening skills, maybe you can turn off the subtitles and just pay close attention to the actors speech.

Mark: Right, but **you also have to consider** that most people watch movies just for fun and they only read the Chinese subtitles.

Sue: I guess that's true, but that doesn't mean everyone is like that.

Mark: Yeah, I see what you mean.

Sue: So we can say that watching movies isn't a waste of time if we use the experience to help improve our English skills.

Mark: Okay, I'm with you.