UNIT 8 ⟩ FILMS

A. PHONETICS

I. **Put the words into the correct column depending on how the ending *-ed* is pronounced.**

pulled, opened, closed, featured, decided, showed, danced, saved, suggested, walked, enjoyed, needed, watched, attended, waited, finished, hated, painted, stopped, ended, engaged, laughed, performed, wanted, looked, cried, directed, relaxed, described, increased, brushed, touched

/t/	/d/	/ɪd/

II. **Choose the word that has the ending pronounced differently.**

1. a. escaped   b. liked   c. decided   d. washed
2. a. moved   b. gripped   c. remembered   d. encouraged
3. a. matched   b. dressed   c. starred   d. decreased
4. a. excited   b. annoyed   c. bored   d. terrified
5. a. borrowed   b. explained   c. tried   d. succeeded

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

I. **Complete the sentences with the types of film in the box.**

> horror   animation   thriller   science-fiction (sci-fi)   adventure
> action   romantic comedies   documentary   comedies   romance

1. A _____ is an exciting film, especially about murder or serious crimes.
2. _____ films feature lots of monsters such as Frankenstein, or Dracula that make you scream and be afraid, very afraid!
3. _____ are sweet films that include romance, but also lots of funny moments as well.
4. In general, _____ make you laugh - a lot!

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5. _____ films are about imaginary events in the future or in outer space.

6. A _____ is a film that investigates some real-life story.

7. In _____ films the heroes have lots of battles, do incredible stunts and drive fast.

8. _____ films use computer graphics to make elaborate stories.

9. _____ films have a main character who's usually either on a conquest or exploration.

10. _____ films are stories of people finding each other and falling in love.

II. Underline the correct types of film.

1. "Avatar" is a *science fiction / comedy* film written and directed by James Cameron.

2. "Alice in Wonderland" is a *fantasy / horror* film with Johnny Depp.

3. "Die Hard" is a popular *action film / musical* with plenty of guns, explosions and high-speed car chases.

4. "Toy Story 3" is a successful *animation / war film*.

5. "You've got Mail" is a *romantic comedy / thriller* that's full of laugh and love.

6. "Shrek" is a very funny film that makes people laugh. "Shrek" is a *romance / comedy*.

7. "The Exorcist" is probably one of the scariest *cartoons / horror films* of all time.

8. "The King's Speech" is a *historical drama / war film* based on the true story of British King George VI and his speech defect.

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III. Match the words to their definitions.

1.	gripping	a.	funny and interesting
2.	scary	b.	extremely good
3.	violent	c.	causing strong feelings of sadness or sympathy
4.	boring	d.	very surprising, and difficult to believe
5.	moving	e.	not surprising
6.	entertaining	f.	frightening
7.	predictable	g.	using or involving force to hurt or attack
8.	hilarious	h.	very exciting
9.	shocking	i.	not interesting
10.	incredible	j.	extremely funny

IV. Complete the sentences with the correct adjectives above.

1. The film was so _____ that Mrs Brown cried at the end.
2. Romance movie plots have become so _____ that you can tell exactly what's coming.
3. My mother can't stand war films because they're too _____.
4. It was an action film, but it was so _____ that I fell asleep in the middle.
5. We laughed all the way through the film. It was so _____.
6. That thriller was so _____. I couldn't take my eyes off the screen for a second.
7. Sam always has nightmares after watching _____ movies.
8. The ending of *The Sixth Sense* was really _____. It surprised me a lot.
9. The Meyerowitz Stories is getting some _____ reviews and should be one to add to your watch list.
10. Most historical movies are both educational and _____.

V. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

> critics   star   plot   review   disaster   special effects
> survey   director   documentaries   must-see

1. In our _____, we ask you to vote for your favorite film.
2. The _____ of the film was too complicated - I couldn't understand it.
3. Manohla Dargis is one of the chief film _____ for The New York Times.
4. My younger brother enjoys watching _____ about wild animals.
5. Bruce Lee's martial arts movies made him an international film _____.
6. *The Godfather* is one of _____ films for movie lovers.
7. James Cameron's film about the Titanic _____ won 11 Oscars.
8. I read a _____ of that film and it sounds really interesting.

9. The _____ were amazing! The spaceships all seemed real!

10. The _____ shouted 'Action!' and the actor started running.

VI. Complete the sentences with the correct adjective form of the words in brackets.

1. I find horror films really _____ and not at all fun to watch. (frighten)

2. Sometimes I get really _____ when I can't express myself well in English. (frustrate)

3. That film was so _____! There was no happy ending for any of the characters. (depress)

4. If I feel _____, I find watching a romance comedy is often _____. (stress - relax)

5. The news was so _____ that she burst into tears. (shock)

6. Kathy was _____ when she saw the dinosaur bones at the museum. (amaze)

7. The teacher was really _____ so the lesson passed quickly. (amuse)

8. Whenever Adrian gets _____, he goes fishing. (bore)

9. We all were _____ with the results of the test. (disappoint)

10. Of course, action movies are _____. That's why I like them. (excite)

VII. Underline the correct form.

Alice : That was a very (1) *excited / exciting* movie. What did you think?

Jake : To be honest, I found it kind of (2) *bored / boring*. I'm not (3) *interested / interesting* in science fiction.

Alice : Really? I find it (4) *fascinated / fascinating*. What kind of movies do you enjoy?

Jake : Mostly comedies. Have you seen *Home Again*?

Alice : Yes, but I wasn't (5) *amused / amusing* at all. In fact I thought it was (6) *horrified / horrifying*. The story line was (7) *confused / confusing*, and I couldn't find any humor in the characters' problems. When I left the theater, I felt rather (8) *depressed / depressing*.

Jake : I'm (9) *amazed / amazing* that you felt that way! I thought it was very (10) *amused / amusing*.

Alice : Well, I guess it's a matter of taste.

VIII. Choose the correct answers.

1. I got really _____ when I saw the main character being killed.
   a. confused   b. frightened   c. bored   d. amused

2. The film was so _____ that the two girls next to me couldn't stop crying.
   a. moving   b. thrilling   c. exciting   d. fascinating

3. Critics were _____ at John Travolta in Pulp Fiction. He was unexpectedly good.
   a. worried   b. interested   c. disappointed   d. surprised

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4. It is a _____ tale of a haunted house and the ghosts therein.

   a. amusing   b. shocking   c. thrilling   d. pleasing

5. We were _____ that we couldn't get tickets to see the film.

   a. terrified   b. satisfied   c. relaxed   d. disappointed

6. The ending of "American Psycho" was so _____. It left viewers with questions.

   a. confusing   b. exhausting   c. horrifying   d. moving

7. My brother was so _____ he couldn't watch the film.

   a. overwhelmed   b. scared   c. annoyed   d. excited

8. *The Adventures of Marco Polo* (1938) was highly _____, but lacked historical accuracy.

   a. disgusting   b. encouraging   c. entertaining   d. exhausting

9. James finds sci-fi movies really _____. He enjoys watching them.

   a. terrifying   b. embarrassing   c. concerning   d. fascinating

10. Whenever I feel _____, I watch a comedy that makes me laugh and feel better.

   a. depressed   b. amused   c. exhausted   d. thrilled

IX. Complete the sentences, using *although* + a clause or *despite / in spite of* + a noun phrase from the box.

> Ben Stiller was the star of this movie
> the fact that they split up over forty years ago
> those poor reviews
> Meryl Streep is most well known for her many Oscar-worthy performances
> I didn't find the film at all frightening
> being a well-reviewed hit
> knowing it is not true
> most critics agreed that the film was her best ever

1. _____, my brother was so scared that he couldn't watch it.

2. I was rather disappointed by her performance _____

3. *Courage Under Fire* didn't win an Oscar _____

4. _____, it was Ferrell who stole the show.

5. The movie had a successful box-office performance _____

6. _____, the Beatles are still incredibly popular.

7. _____, her status was reaffirmed after the huge box-office success of *Mamma Mia!*.

8. We jump or yell when we see a horror movie _____

X. Join the two sentences using the word in brackets.

1. Glenn Close hasn't won a single Oscar. She has been nominated six times. (although)

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2. Brian Stone is a famous singer. He can't sing folk songs. (despite)

_____

3. Some people said the film was terrible. I found it quite gripping. (Though)

_____

4. It was a horror film. It wasn't frightening at all. (in spite of)

_____

5. The movie was a box-office failure. It had an all-star cast. (even though)

_____

6. The film had good reviews. It was entirely ignored by awards bodies. (despite)

_____

7. People criticized the movie for being too violent. The movie was a commercial success. (in spite of)

_____

8. I liked it a great deal. I will likely never watch it again. (although)

_____

9. The film had largely negative reception. Penn was nominated for Best Actor. (despite)

_____

10. Critic reviews were favorable. The film was pulled early from theaters due to low ticket sales. (although)

_____

XI. Complete the sentences with _although, despite/ in spite of, however/ nevertheless_.

1. Leonardo Dicaprio is a talented actor; _____, he only won an Oscar after six nominations.

2. _____ the negative reviews, _Jurassic World_ reached $1 billion in ticket sales.

3. Linh wanted to see _Wall-E_. _____, the showing week fell on her semester examination.

4. _____ it has found its fans over time, _Empire Records_ only made $300,000 at the box office.

5. _Finding Nemo_ was a successful animation film _____ its low budget.

6. _Out of Africa_ didn't win any acting Oscars _____ starring Meryl Streep and Robert Redford.

7. The film barely made back its budget. _____, critics and fans had a lot of positive things to say about it.

8. _____ animation is not my favourite genre, I really like _Zootopia_.

9. _Titanic_ is a really good movie; _____, it is not for anyone under the age of sixteen.

10. _____ it is loved by fans today, _Clue_ had a rough start when it opened in 1985.

XII. Fill in each blank with an appropriate preposition.

1. *The Lord of the Rings* is showing _____ Odyssey Cinema _____ 10.30 am.

2. Watching a horror film can be very frightening _____ a child.

3. *Saving Private Ryan* is a war movie _____ soldiers fighting in World War II.

4. The film was so gripping that I couldn't take my eyes _____ the screen.

5. Are you scared _____ watching a horror film?

6. The last movie starring Julia Roberts _____ a professor was *Mona Lisa Smile*.

7. They spent $11 million _____ making "Star Wars" in 1977.

8. *Brokeback Mountain* is based _____ the short story by author Annie Proulx.

9. The film is _____ a guy who travels back in time to save the planet.

10. We could call the cinema to see what's _____ tonight.

C. SPEAKING

I. **Complete the dialogue with the sentences from the box.**

let's meet outside the cinema at 6.45.	what kind of film is it?
what is it about?	what are you doing this evening?
how about going to the cinema tonight?	who does it star?
what's on?	when is it on?

Mai: (1)_____

Jane: Nothing special. Why?

Mai: (2)_____

Jane: Good idea! (3)_____

Mai: There is a Korean movie on at Grand Cinema. It's *My Little Bride*.

Jane: (4)_____

Mai: It's a romantic comedy. They say it's very good and funny.

Jane: (5)_____

Mai: It's about an arranged marriage between a female high school student and a male college student.

Jane: That sounds good. (6)_____

Mai: Moon Geun-young and Kim Rae-won.

Jane: Oh, they're two of my favourite actors. (7)_____

Mai: At 7 o'clock.

Jane: Well, (8)_____

Mai: OK. See you then!

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II. **Put the dialogue into the correct order.**

___ Some are entertaining, but I find most of them stupid and childish.

___ I'm sorry. I have some homework to do tonight.

___ I can't stand western and horror.

___ So, what is your most favourite horror film?

_1_ What type of movies do you like?

___ *The Ring*. I'm going to watch it again tonight. Do you want to watch it?

___ That's an interesting combination. How about western movies?

___ Why don't you like horror? They're entertaining, I think.

___ I'm fascinated by scary movies.

___ I like some sorts of movies, primarily drama and science fiction.

D. READING

I. **Complete the passage with the words from the box.**

| stars | wizard | critics | fantasy |
| worldwide | based | academy | released |

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is a (1)_____ film directed by Chris Columbus. It is (2)_____ on J. K. Rowling's 1997 novel of the same name.

The film's story follows Harry Potter's first year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as he discovers that he is a (3)_____ and has magical powers. The film (4)_____ Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter, with Rupert Grint as Ron Weasley, and Emma Watson as Hermione Granger.

The film was (5)_____ to cinemas in November 2001. It earned over US$976 million at the box office (6)_____ and received generally positive reviews from the (7)_____. The film was nominated for many awards, including (8)_____ Awards for Best Original Score, Best Art Direction and Best Costume Design.

II. **Read the text carefully, then do the tasks.**

In the UK, the cinema is very popular and a lot of young people go there. But, what types of film do they watch?

Jack, 14

I love going to the cinema because there are always eight films on at our local cinema complex, and it's really modern. The ice cream is fantastic and there's great popcorn and other snacks. I go with my friends every Friday. We all like science fiction films with action and suspense. We are also great fans of special effects, so we love films like Avatar and Transformers.

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Katie, 13

I don't like horror films or science fiction films but I love romantic comedies. One of my favourite films is The Proposal. It's about a woman who decides to marry her assistant, but they're not really in love. His family, in Alaska, try to organise a traditional wedding ... it's very funny. In the end, they fall in love, of course. I don't go to the cinema much, because there isn't a cinema near me. I watch films on DVD a few months later.

A. Decide if the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. There isn't any movie theatre near Jack's house.
2. Katie's favourite film is a love story.
3. They sell good ice cream and popcorn in the local cinema complex.
4. Jack and Katie enjoy the same types of film.
5. Jack and his friends like to see movies with special effects.
6. Katie doesn't go to the cinema a lot because she prefers watching films on DVD.

B. Answer the questions.

1. Do young people in the UK like going to the cinema?

   _____

2. What kind of movies does Jack like?

   _____

3. How often does Jack go to the cinema?

   _____

4. Does Jack like his local cinema?

   _____

5. What kind of film is *The Proposal*?

   _____

6. Why doesn't Katie go to the cinema a lot?

   _____

E. WRITING

I. Arrange the words to make sentences meaningful.

1. the/ too/ she/ film/ far/ thought/ violent/ to/ to/ children/ show.

   _____

2. his/ the/ ever/ latest/ funniest/ he/ film/ is/ of/ has/ one/ made.

   _____

3. *Halloween*/ frightening/ ever/ seen/ is/ one/ most/ films/ of/ the/ I/ have.

   _____

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