

Model text

1 Read the advert and Steve's competition entry. Would you like to see *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*? Why / Why not?

Win a trip to Hollywood!

Write about your favourite film in 180 words. The winner will spend a week in Hollywood and visit the famous film studios. You may even meet a film star!

The best film I have ever seen is *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*. It is a science fiction film and that's my favourite type of film. The story takes place first in Iceland then in the centre of the Earth. The heroes are a thirteen-year-old boy called Sean and his uncle Trevor, a volcano scientist. They travel to a strange world in the centre of the Earth with flying fish and dinosaurs. There are excellent actors in the film. The heroine is a beautiful woman called Hannah. She is played by Anita Briem. The volcano scientist, Trevor Anderson, is played by Brendan Fraser. He was in *The Mummy* as well. The hero, Sean, is played by a fifteen-year-old American called Josh Hutcherson. He has already made thirteen films! He is brilliant! The special effects are incredible. Most of these were created on a computer. I really liked the man-eating plants. These enormous plants are very scary because they don't look dangerous, but they eat animals and people. They're amazing!

There are a lot of fantastic moments in the film, but the best scene is when the heroes fall into the centre of the Earth. They are climbing mountains in Iceland and they become trapped in a volcano. They try to escape, but they fall further and further down a deep hole and it is very exciting. I'd love to see the film again. Everybody should go and see it!



Look!

hero / heroine the most important man or woman in a film or story
trapped can't escape

2 Complete the sentences with words from the text.

- 1 *Journey to the Centre of the Earth* is a film.
- 2 A boy called Sean is the of the film.
- 3 Josh Hutcherson is years old.
- 4 The man-eating plants were created on a
- 5 The man-eating plants are scary because they eat animals and
- 6 The heroes fall into the centre of the Earth when they are climbing a

Listening

3 Listen to Rosy and Jon talking about films. Tick (✓) the films they have seen.

	Rosy	Jon
Ratatouille		
Tomb Raider		
Hancock		
Pirates of the Caribbean		
Quantum of Solace		

4 Listen again and circle the correct words.



- 1 Rosy thought that Remy the Rat was a *brilliant* / *crazy* character.
- 2 Jon thought that the special effects in *Tomb Raider* were *very good* / *bad*.
- 3 Jon's favourite actor is *Orlando Bloom* / *Will Smith*.
- 4 Rosy has seen *Pirates of the Caribbean* *three times* / *twice*.
- 5 Rosy thinks that James Bond films are *very good* / *bad*.
- 6 Jon thinks that James Bond films are *very good* / *bad*.

Speaking

5 Work in pairs. Play *Guess the Film Star*.

- A The pirate Jack Sparrow is played by this famous actor in *Pirates of the Caribbean*.
- B Is it Orlando Bloom?
- A No, it isn't.
- B Is it Johnny Depp?
- A Yes, that's right.

6 Did your partner guess correctly? Do you think he / she is a film fanatic? Tell the class.