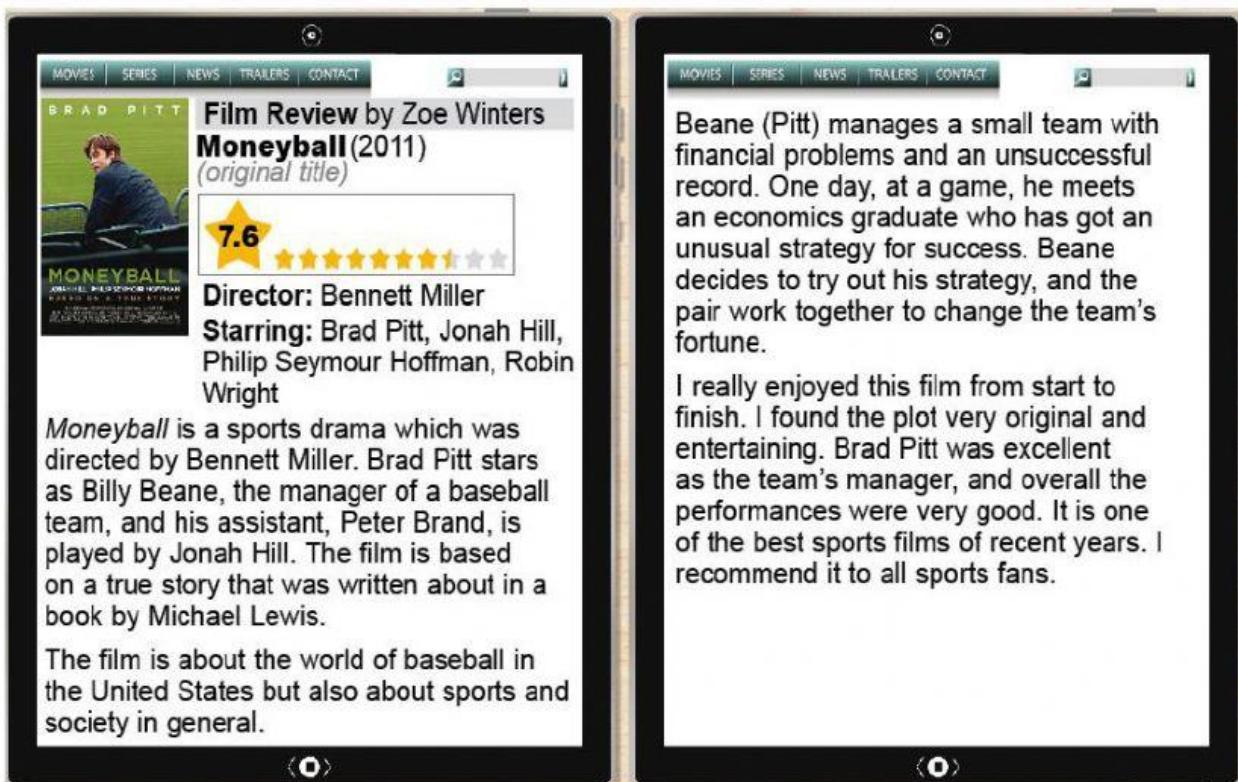


# READING TIME

## 1. READ



The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of a movie review website. The left screenshot displays a review for the movie 'Moneyball' (2011). The review is by Zoe Winters and is titled 'Film Review by Zoe Winters'. It features a small thumbnail image of Brad Pitt, the rating '7.6' with a yellow star, and the director 'Bennett Miller' and starring actors 'Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Robin Wright'. Below the review, there is a summary of the film's plot: 'Moneyball is a sports drama which was directed by Bennett Miller. Brad Pitt stars as Billy Beane, the manager of a baseball team, and his assistant, Peter Brand, is played by Jonah Hill. The film is based on a true story that was written about in a book by Michael Lewis.' Another summary follows: 'The film is about the world of baseball in the United States but also about sports and society in general.' The right screenshot shows a continuation of the review, describing the plot: 'Beane (Pitt) manages a small team with financial problems and an unsuccessful record. One day, at a game, he meets an economics graduate who has got an unusual strategy for success. Beane decides to try out his strategy, and the pair work together to change the team's fortune.' Below this, there is a concluding statement: 'I really enjoyed this film from start to finish. I found the plot very original and entertaining. Brad Pitt was excellent as the team's manager, and overall the performances were very good. It is one of the best sports films of recent years. I recommend it to all sports fans.'

## 2. Answer the questions.

1. What kind of information is included in the first paragraph?

2. In which paragraph is the plot of the film described?

3. What tense does the writer use to describe the plot?

4. Does the writer reveal the ending of the film?

5. Did the writer like the film?

6. In which paragraph does the writer express her opinion?