A Film Review

1. What film did you see? (original title)
2. Introduction: When?, Where?, Who with?...
3. Genre, director and script, nationality, runtime, release time, production company, type of audience (rating: G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17)
4. Trilogy / sequel / saga / remake, true story, based on a book
5. Languages (O.V. / subtitles), dubbing, soundtrack
6. Where was it set? (real, imaginary locations)
7. What was it about? (synopsis)
8. Who was in the cast? (leading, supporting actors, stunts) What was the acting like?
9. Special Effects, makeup and hairstyling, costumes, sceneries,...
10. Awards, shooting, box office (blockbuster or bombed), critics and viewers rating
11. Give your opinion (strong and weak points) Would you recommend the film?
12. Extra: Show the trailer, soundtrack, film poster, snaps / shots from the film...

> When writing a film review, we usually use the Present Simple or Present Simple Passive to write about the plot and we use adjectives for description.

The Hobbit: An unnexpected Journey

This film is a 2012 (1) _____ fantasy adventure film (2) _____ by Peter Jackson and is the first part of a (3) _____. The adventure follows the journey of the (4) _____, Bilbo Baggings, in a mission to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor from the terrifying dragon Smaug. Bilbo joins a company of thirteen dwarves led by the legendary warrior, Thorin Oakenshield. The (5) _____ also includes James Nesbitt, Ken Scott, Cate Blanchett, Ian Holm and Elijah Wood.

The film has made over $1 billion at the (6) _____, becoming the fourth (7) _____ film of all time. The film was (8) _____ for three Academy Awards – for Best (9) _____, Best Production Design and Best Makeup and Hairstyling. It was also nominated for three BAFTA (10)_____.

awards
box office
cast
directed
epic
highest-grossing
main character
nominated
trilogy
visual effects

Describing films

Match the sentences in A to the responses in B.
Pay attention to the words underlined.

A

1. The critics <u>highly recommended</u> the new film.
2. I feel like seeing a really <u>action-packed</u> film tonight.
3. He is an <u>outstanding</u> singer!
4. I think George Clooney <u>gave a brilliant perfomance</u>.
5. That film <u>brings to life</u> the characters from the book.
6. That concert was a complete <u>waste of time</u>.
7. What was the biggest <u>box office hit</u> of all time?
8. Is the new Star Trek film <u>worth seeing</u>?

B

a. I think it was Avatar. It made billions of dollars.
b. I agree. His voice is excelent!
c. I don't think so —it's not very interesting.
d. It was a waste of money too!
e. What about Argo? It's meant to be very exciting.
f. Yes. They seemed almost real.
g. Really? I didn't think his acting was that great.
h. I know. According to the reviews, it's excellent.

Adjectives that describe films

* disappointed * dull * entertaining *
* hilarious * moving * talented * weak *

1. The film was so _____ that the audience couldn't stop laughing.

2. The interview with the actor was _____, so everyone was bored.

3. His books aren't great literature but they're very _____ to read.

4. People often cry during the _____ scenes in a film.

5. He is supposed to be a great actor but I thought his acting was really _____.

6. She is a very _____ actress and might win an Academy Award one day.

7. I was _____ because the acting and the plot were terrible.