



The world of Mass Media

1.1 Films and TV programmes

I can talk and write about films and TV programmes

1 What are your favourite kinds of films/TV programmes? Match out of the words below with photos A-F.

action film, animation, chat show, comedy, documentary, fantasy film, game show, horror film, musical, comedy, documentary, reality show, romantic comedy, sci-fi film, drama television series, soap opera, talent show, thriller, war film, western, biopic.



2a Write about which types of films and TV programmes and films you like and dislike. Give reasons using the adjectives below.

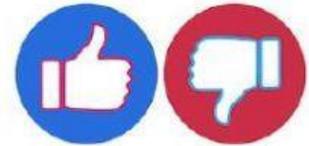
boring, confusing, convincing, embarrassing, exciting, funny, gripping, imaginative, interesting, moving, frightening, spectacular, unrealistic, violent, predictable, entertaining, spectacular.

I like horror films because they are really exciting.

To tell the truth, I am not a fan of horror films. They're really violent.

2b Choose an adjective that best describes the film the people are talking about in sentences 1-7.

- 1 I knew exactly what was going to happen at the end.
- 2 I have never been so bored in my life!
- 3 The story was fantastic. I couldn't take my eyes off the screen from start to finish.
- 4 We were all crying when we came out of the cinema.
- 5 There were too many laughs, but it really made me think.
- 6 There was too much fighting and blood!
- 7 The photography and the special effects were amazing.



Reading a film review

4 You are going to read a review of the classic American film, *The Great Gatsby*, based on a book by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Read the review and match the information from the review (a-d) to the paragraph 1-4.

a the plot/storyline

b the name of the director

c who stars in the film

d whether the book is better than the film

Paragraph 1 _____

Paragraph 3 _____

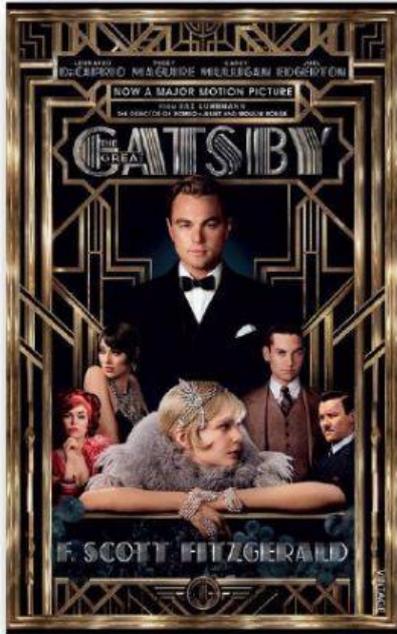
Paragraph 2 _____

Paragraph 4 _____



The Best Film of All Time?

What is your favourite film of all time? We are inviting fans to post review.



1 The Great Gatsby was directed by Baz Luhrmann and is based on a novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Starring Tobey Maguire and Leonardo DiCaprio, the film is surprisingly positive in places, but it is a sad story about love and destiny of human. It was originally released in 2013, however now it is a modern classic.

2 The film is set in the 20s in the USA. Nick Caraway (Tobey Maguire) arrives in 1922 New York in search of the American dream. Nick, a writer, lives next to millionaire Jay Gatsby (Leonardo DiCaprio) and across the bay from his cousin Daisy (Carey Mulligan) and her husband, Tom (Joel Edgerton). Nick finds himself in the world of the rich, the world of impossible love, dreams, and tragedy.

3 Luhrmann makes few changes to Fitzgerald's original novel. The ending is even more exciting than the book. Lana Del Rey's song «Young and Beautiful» creates an exciting atmosphere throughout the film.

4 The Great Gatsby is terrific entertainment. Leonardo DiCaprio's performance is very moving, and Carey Mulligan gives one of the best performances in her career. Although the film is a little slow in places, the end is absolutely brilliant and I highly recommend it to everyone.

6. Read the review again. Answer the questions.



1. What is the title of the film?

2. What genre is it?

3. What is it about?

4. Is it based on a book?

5. Where is the film set?

6. When is the film set?

7. Who stars in the film?

8. Who plays the main role(s)?

10. Is the plot exciting? Why?

5a Read the information about contrast linkers. We use the following linkers to show that things are different.

Although/Even though - *Although* I don't like action films, I loved this one.

However - The beginning wasn't spectacular. *However*, I loved the rest of the film.

5b Read the review again. How many linkers did you find?

Write 3 sentences about the films you've watched. Use linkers and words from ex.1,2.

1.

2.

3.

