

UNIT 8: FILMS

B. VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

IX. Complete the sentences, using although + a clause of 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 disappointed by her performance _____.
3. Courage Under Fire didn't win an Oscar _____.
4. _____, it was Ferrel 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 Mama 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)

2. Brian Stone is a famous singer. He can't sing folk song. (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 favorite 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 a.m.
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 \$1 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