

Film Review

1 Read the review of the movie 'King Kong'.

- 1) **'King Kong' (2005)**, directed by Peter Jackson, is an action-packed fantasy film. The main stars are Naomi Watts and Adrien Brody. Andy Serkis (who played Gollum in *'The Lord of the Rings'*) plays the star character – King Kong.
- 2) In the 1930s, a group of explorers and film makers go to an unexplored island because they have heard strange stories about it. They find a giant gorilla, King Kong, **plus** a lot of strange animals **like** dinosaurs and giant spiders and worms. They capture King Kong with the help of the actress Ann Darrow (played by Naomi Watts) and take him back to New York. **However**, they don't know the strength of the eight-meter-tall gorilla.
- 3) **Although** some parts are really exciting, I think the film is too long (187 minutes). **Also** some scenes, **such as** running with the dinosaurs, are not very convincing. **However**, most of the special effects are excellent and the acting is good **as well**. Naomi Watts is great, **although** King Kong is the real star of the show! The scene with him on top of the Empire State building is amazing!
- 4) I really enjoyed *'King Kong'*. It's definitely worth seeing. Don't miss it!

2 Write – is the movie review about 'King Kong' generally positive or generally negative?

3 Match the paragraphs (1-4) with the topics (a-d).

- a) recommendations b) background to the story c) opinions d) basic information

4 Look at the linking words in **blue** in the text. Which do we use for addition, contrast and examples. Write one sentence from the text containing a linking word from each category.

Addition –

Contrast –

Examples –

5 Read these sentences from the text. Think, what is the difference between the words **However** and **Although**. Translate them into Latvian.

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