

5.1 Universally popular?

Vocabulary going to the movies

- 1 Choose the correct words to complete the amazing film facts.



- Actress Judi Dench was only in a very short eight-minute *scene* / *cast* in the film *Shakespeare in Love* (1998). However, she won an Oscar for her *play* / *performance*.
- In the film *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (1949), actor Alec Guinness *plays* / *sets* eight different *characters* / *remakes*, including an old soldier, a young photographer, and an old lady.
- The Wolf of Wall Street* (2013), which *stars* / *plays* Leonardo DiCaprio and Matthew McConaughey, is *set* / *put* in New York but was actually filmed in Spain.
- Memento* (2000) is a film with a very complicated *play* / *plot*. It tells the story backwards from the point of view of a man who can't remember anything. The *cast* / *set* includes Guy Pearce, Joe Pantoliano and Carrie-Anne Moss.

- 2 Match the two halves of the sentences.



- Hollywood star Bruce Willis often plays action *c*.
 - Up* is a wonderful animated ____.
 - James Cameron spent over \$230 million on the special ____.
 - Mike Myers and Jim Carrey are both Hollywood comic ____.
 - The film *Ocean's Eleven* is a remake ____.
 - The character of Princess Fiona in *Shrek* is voiced ____.
- of a film from 1960 which starred Frank Sinatra.
 - actors who were born in Canada.
 - heroes in films, such as *Die Hard* and *Looper*.
 - by Hollywood star Cameron Diaz.
 - film, made by Pixar in 2009.
 - effects for his sci-fi film, *Avatar* (2009).

- ➔ **STUDY TIP** Write your own personalized example sentences to help you remember new words. For example, write a sentence about a film with great special effects or a film that is based on a book.

3 Read the interview about the Hollywood film *Captain Phillips*. Complete the questions with words or phrases from exercises 1 and 2. The first letter is given.

1 So, what is *Captain Phillips* about? What's the plot of the film?

Well, it tells the story of what happens when Somali pirates go on board an American ship. It's a true story, and the idea for the film came from a book written by the real Captain Phillips.

2 And where is the film s_____?

Most of the action takes place in the middle of the Indian Ocean near the coast of Africa.

3 Who s_____ in the film?

Tom Hanks plays the main part.

4 What c_____ does he play?

Tom plays Captain Phillips in the film.

5 Can you describe his p_____?

It's amazing. He's one of Hollywood's best actors, and in this film he's brilliant.

6 Does the film have an interesting c_____? Who else is in it?

Oh, a Somali-American actor called Barkhad Abdi, as well as Catherine Keener, Faysal Ahmed and David Warshofsky.

7 Are there any s_____ e_____ in the film?

Well, yes, there are. For example, the film-makers used CGI (computer-generated imagery) to make you think the ship is out at sea.

5 Complete the strange but real film titles with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

get lose smoke talk try worry

1 **Thank You for** Smoking

2 **We Need**

About Kevin

3 **How to Succeed in Business without Really** _____

4 **Stop the World: I Want**

Off

5 Dr Strangelove, or How I Learned to Stop _____ and Love the Bomb

6 **Can't Stand**

You!

6 Complete the review with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

If you enjoy ¹ watching (watch) films from around the world, I suggest ² _____ (take) a look at this year's list of nominations for best foreign language films at the Oscars. The list aims ³ _____ (promote) world cinema, so, in a way, it is a useful recommendation for films that you really should try ⁴ _____ (see). You won't fail ⁵ _____ (find) something worth watching. In 2014, at the 86th Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, the nominations included *The Broken Circle Breakdown*, a Belgian film about ⁶ _____ (fall) in love and ⁷ _____ (live) together, and a Danish film called *The Hunt*. In the end, however, the Academy decided ⁸ _____ (give) the Oscar to *The Great Beauty* (*La Grande Bellezza*), a wonderful Italian film that manages ⁹ _____ (be) both moving and funny. In the film, we see the lives of rich and important people in Rome through the eyes of a writer who seems ¹⁰ _____ (be) bored with the beautiful lives around him.



Grammar -ing form and infinitive with to

4 Match the pairs of sentence halves, 1 to 5.

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| 1 1 Do you feel like | a to go out this evening? |
| 2 Would you like | b going out later? |
| 2 1 Oscar can't afford | a to go to a gym. |
| 2 Anja can't stand | b going to nightclubs. |
| 3 1 On Friday, we recommend | a to eat out at Luigi's pizzeria. |
| 2 On Sunday, we hope | b having dinner at Pierre's bistro. |
| 4 1 Sally agreed | a to join the science club. |
| 2 Luisa thought about | b joining the army. |
| 5 1 Paul enjoys | a to go to jazz concerts. |
| 2 Yves plans | b doing dance classes. |

I can ...

talk about different genres of films.

Very well

Quite well

More practice



use the *-ing* form and infinitive with *to*.

