

5.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary extreme adjectives

- 1a Complete the responses with extreme adjectives from the box.

astonishing brilliant delicious
enormous exhausted freezing terrible
terrifying

- 1 A Were you very tired after the race?
B Tired? We were absolutely exhausted!
- 2 A Ooh, this tomato sauce is really tasty.
B It's more than tasty. It's absolutely _____!
- 3 A Brrr! It's a bit too cold for me in here.
B I know. It's absolutely _____!
- 4 A It's a really big house. It has eighteen bedrooms.
B It's more than big. It's absolutely _____!
- 5 A The horror film was very scary!
B Yes! It was absolutely _____!
- 6 A She's really clever and got As in all her exams.
B I think she's absolutely _____!
- 7 A It's raining again. The weather's been really bad this month.
B It's rained every day! The weather's been absolutely _____!
- 8 A I didn't expect her to win the contest. The result was very surprising.
B Surprising?! It was absolutely _____!

- b 5.2 Listen and check your answers. Notice the stress on *absolutely* and the extreme adjectives.

- c 5.3 Listen and repeat.

- 2 Choose the correct adjectives to complete the TV guide.

Vocabulary review

- 3 Complete the questions about a film with the words in the box.

based cast characters effects remake
performance plot scenes set star

- A What's the ¹ plot?
- B A family move into a house and strange things happen.
- A Where is it ² _____?
- B In a house on Long Island, New York.
- A Who's the ³ _____?
- B Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds.
- A Is his ⁴ _____ good?
- B Yes – he's really good in the film.
- A Who else is in the ⁵ _____?
- B Melissa George and Philip Baker Hall.
- A What ⁶ _____ do they play?
- B The wife and a priest.
- A Is it a ⁷ _____?
- B Yes, they made the same film in 1979.
- A Are there violent ⁸ _____?
- B Yes! It's a horror film!
- A Are there special ⁹ _____?
- B Yes! The house falls down!
- A Is it *The Amityville Horror*?
- B That's right!

- 4 Circle the word with a similar meaning to the word in capitals.

- 1 FUNNY a amusing b surprising c predictable
- 2 DULL a violent b unexciting c silly
- 3 ENJOYABLE a original b ordinary c entertaining
- 4 CLEVER a silly b intelligent c disappointing

Tonight's TV

	7 p.m.	8 p.m.	9 p.m.	10 p.m.
CHANNEL 1	THE HEALTH SHOW Today's show gives advice on how to avoid feeling very ¹ <u>tired</u> / <u>exhausted</u> in the afternoon.	CROWN STREET Old friends Mo and Alex find it absolutely ² <u>difficult</u> / <u>impossible</u> to live together.	GARDENING TODAY It's a bit too ³ <u>cold</u> / <u>freezing</u> to plant seeds. Alan Marsh explains why.	FILM: NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET An extremely ⁴ <u>scary</u> / <u>terrifying</u> film. Be warned!
CHANNEL 2	SPACE A documentary with absolutely ⁵ <u>surprising</u> / <u>astonishing</u> pictures of Jupiter's moons.	COOKING TODAY How to cook very ⁶ <u>tasty</u> / <u>delicious</u> biscuits.	UNUSUAL LIVES A look at the life of an extremely ⁷ <u>clever</u> / <u>brilliant</u> boy who is already one of the country's leading mathematicians.	FILM: THE WOLF OF WALL STREET An absolutely ⁸ <u>good</u> / <u>brilliant</u> performance by Leonardo DiCaprio.

5.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking comparing and recommending

- 1a 5.4 Listen to two friends talking about *Empire* magazine's list of the top five films of all time. In which order does Adam place the films?

The Godfather ____

Star Wars ____

The Shawshank Redemption 1

Raiders
of the
Lost Ark ____

Jaws ____

- b 5.4 Match the two halves of the sentences in boxes A and B. Then listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

A

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| 1 I expected it to be | a you download it ... |
| 2 They're all worth | b very dull. |
| 3 I'd recommend | c less predictable, but it |
| 4 It sounds | d isn't really seeing. |

B

- | | |
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| 1 It's nothing like as good | a very entertaining. |
| 2 It's really worth | b either of them. |
| 3 That doesn't sound | c as <i>The Shawshank Redemption</i> . |
| 4 I wouldn't really recommend | d seeing. |

- 2a Match sentences 1–3 to responses a–c.

- 1 I think *Batman Returns* is the greatest film of all time. b
- 2 Are you disappointed by this film? ____
- 3 I haven't seen *City of God* yet. ____

- a Really? It's worth seeing, you know.
- b Mmm ... I'm not at all sure about that.
- c Yes, I am. It's nothing like as good as I thought it would be.

- b 5.5 Listen to the conversations and check your answers.

Writing a film review

- 3 Read the extracts from a film review. In which extract or extracts does the writer mention the following?

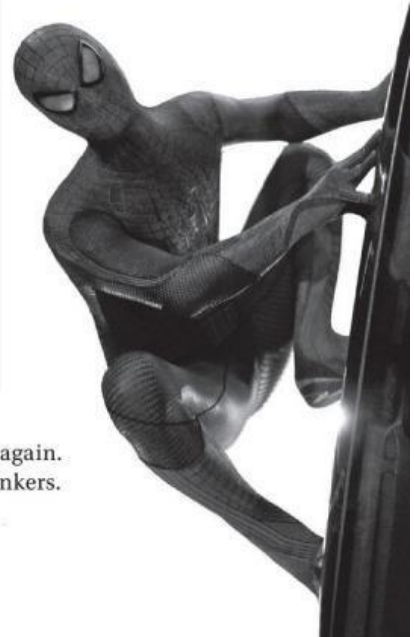
- 1 cast ____ 3 setting ____
- 2 plot ____ 4 special effects ____

1 ¹Although / ~~Despite~~ being based on a comic strip hero, *The Amazing Spiderman 2* is an exciting film for adults as well as kids. It is set in a computer-generated version of New York, and tells the story of young reporter Peter Parker, who fights crime dressed as Spiderman.

2 The lead actors are brilliant, especially Andrew Garfield, who plays the main character, and, ²even though / in spite of his inexperience as a Hollywood actor, gives his best performance to date. Unfortunately, ³despite / however, the latest instalment of the *Spiderman* saga suffers from a complicated storyline and too many characters. ⁴Although / However the last half hour of the film is really exciting, the first half of the film has too many different stories going on, which makes it hard to follow.

3 This is a film which will appeal to many young people, and they won't be disappointed if they go and see it. ⁵Although / However, it must be said that ⁶even though / despite it has great characters and amazing special effects, it is a bit too long and its plot is unnecessarily complicated.

- 4 Read the film review extracts again. Choose the correct contrast linkers.



I can ...

	Very well	Quite well	More practice
use extreme adjectives.	☐	☐	☐
use contrast linkers.	☐	☐	☐
compare and recommend.	☐	☐	☐