Writing skills practice: Film review – exercises

Look at the film review and do the exercises to practise and improve your writing skills.

Preparation

Write the words into the correct group.

comedy	drama	director	fantastic	good
terrible	sci-fi	actor	actress	

Types of film	People in films	Words to describe films

FILM *Review*

① **The Hunger Games**

② **Sci-fi adventure, 2012**

③ In the future the USA is a new country called Panem. Every year the Capitol of Panem chooses 12 boys and 12 girls to go on a TV show called *The Hunger Games*. In this TV show the teenagers have to fight until there is only one person left. Katniss goes on the show and she has to run fast and fight to save her life.

④ I love the actors in this film. Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth and Josh Hutcherson are fantastic as Katniss, Gale and Peeta. My favourite character is Katniss because she is very good at running and fighting. Also, I think that the film is good because it is exactly the same as the book.

⑤ I give *The Hunger Games* ☆☆☆☆☆, go and watch it soon!

Marta (13 years old, Mexico)

☆☆☆☆☆ Fantastic!
☆☆☆☆ Really good!
☆☆☆ OK
☆☆ Bad
☆ Terrible!

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Top Tips for writing

1. Start with the film's title.
2. The type of film. When it was made.
3. Explain the film's story but don't explain the ending!
4. Your opinion of the film.
5. Should people go and watch the film?

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

1. *The Hunger Games* is a sci-fi adventure / comedy / drama .
2. The USA is a new country called Capitol / The Hunger Games / Panem .
3. Each day / Each month / Each year boys and girls go on a TV show called *The Hunger Games*.
4. In *The Hunger Games* the boys and girls have to win a running race / fight until they are the last person left / fight the new country called Panem .
5. Marta's favourite character in this film is Katniss / Gale / Peeta .
6. Marta thinks you should watch this film / wait for the DVD to be released / not watch this film .

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *Fact* or *Opinion* for these sentences.

1.	I think you should go and watch it soon!	*Fact*	*Opinion*
2.	Katniss goes on the TV show.	*Fact*	*Opinion*
3.	In the future the USA is a new country called Panem.	*Fact*	*Opinion*
4.	My favourite character is Katniss.	*Fact*	*Opinion*
5.	I think that the film is good.	*Fact*	*Opinion*
6.	I love the actors in this film.	*Fact*	*Opinion*
7.	It's a sci-fi adventure film.	*Fact*	*Opinion*
8.	The film is called *The Hunger Games*.	*Fact*	*Opinion*

Discussion
What's your favourite film? Why do you like it?

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