

MOVIE REVIEWS READING ACTIVITY

The people below all want to watch a film on TV. Read the reviews of eight films. Decide which film would be the most suitable for each person.



Ryan likes watching old fashioned films on TV. He prefers comedies, particularly those with famous actors. He is not keen on musicals or thrillers.



Tom's hobby is reading and he enjoys watching films on TV whose stories are taken from literature. His favorite books are those by famous authors of the past. He reads books about the cinema, too, and likes watching famous actors.



Elena likes to relax by watching the latest romantic films on TV, especially if they make her laugh. She particularly likes those which have some music in them.



Belinda enjoys watching thrillers. She prefers adventures which actually happened to people in real life, as she is interested in the lives of other people.



Carol loves listening to pop music and reading magazines about it. She doesn't mind what sort of film she sees, if it's a new one about pop stars of their music.



Darius Alexander reviews this week's films on TV

A See you in Sicily

This is about a journey across Europe in the 1960s. A group of young people travel across Europe in an old van, but nothing really exciting happens for them and it isn't actually very funny. It's a weak comedy film with singing. I had never heard of the actors before, although some of them could

C Mad for Music

This film came out last month, and all the young people are queuing to see it. There will be a whole generation of fans watching because the music of this group. Sure Fire is everyone's favorite at the moment.

E Seaside Story

This funny film was made in the past, but is still as good as it was 25 years ago when I first saw it. The main actors, who were already famous when it was made, made several more films together later on. The story takes place in a very unusual hotel at the seaside where the guests have lots of problems.

G Escape to Jupiter

This film about adventures in space isn't supposed to be funny, but I'm afraid I wanted to laugh sometimes. Although this is one of several very similar films made recently, it's one of the better ones, as it certainly holds your attention.

B The Moon & stars

This follows the usual love story – boy meets girl, they fall in love and sing some songs about it. It's an enjoyable film, although there's nothing special about the singing, and it has its amusing parts. It comes to the TV screen very quickly, as it was only made a year ago.

D The house by the lake

Although the main roles are all acted by well-known stars of film or TV, I got bored by the dialogue which seems so slow compared to modern films. However, people who like Henrietta Browne's writing will enjoy it because it is beautifully filmed, and the story keeps perfectly to the novel written 200 years ago.

F Shooting for freedom

Photographer Valerie Maine planned to work in a dangerous part of the world for six weeks. This adventure film tells how she escaped from the people who held her prisoner for over a year. It is difficult to believe that this actually happened to someone who is still alive.

H Another part of town

This film manages to show some serious problems of a family in modern Britain without depressing the audience. If you haven't read Michael Stone's book of the same name yet, you'll be pleased to watch this excellent film. And you'll still enjoy the film if you have already read it. There is some excellent acting from some completely unknown actors.