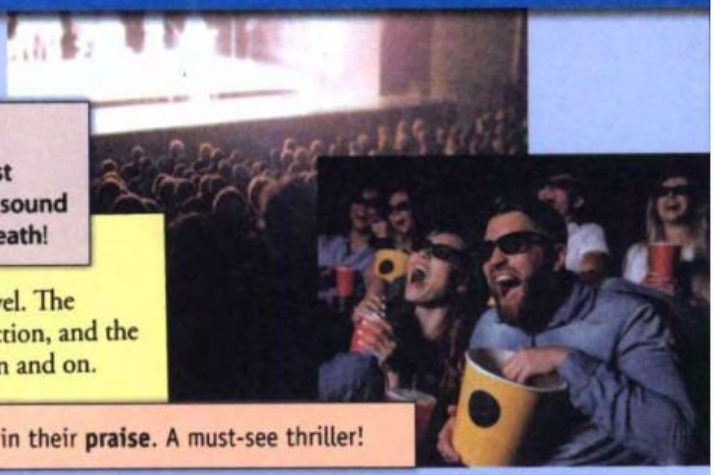
43 Plays and films

A A fabulous play

★★★★★
The Woman in Black is a **fabulous ghost story.** With just a minimal **set** and few **sound effects**, this drama will **scare you to death!**

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A **superb adaptation** of Susan Hill's **classic** novel. The **tension** is maintained throughout the production, and the **cast** of two are **sensational!** The **applause** went on and on.

★★★★★ The critics have been **unanimous** in their **praise.** A must-see thriller!



GLOSSARY

fabulous	extremely good, excellent SYN **sensational, superb**	**classic**	(of a book, play, etc.) one of the best and most important, and having lasting value
ghost story	a story about the spirit of a dead person that sb hears or sees	**tension**	a feeling of anxiety or stress because you are nervous **tense** *adj*
set	the scenery and furniture used in a play, film, etc.	**cast** (+ *sing* OR *pl verb*)	all the people who act in a play or film
sound effects	sounds that are made artificially in a play, film, etc. to make it more realistic, e.g. wind, thunder	**applause**	the sound of an audience showing approval by hitting their hands together **applaud** *v* SYN **clapping**; **clap** *v*
scare sb to death	make sb very frightened **Scared stiff** means very scared'.	**unanimous**	agreed by everyone
adaptation	a book or play that has been made into a film, TV programme, etc.	**praise**	words that show approval of or admiration for sb/sth **praise** *v*

1 Put the words in the correct column below based on the pronunciation of the underlined letters. Use the APP to help you.

f<u>a</u>bulous sens<u>a</u>tional sc<u>a</u>re <u>a</u>dapt cl<u>a</u>ssic
c<u>a</u>st appl<u>au</u>se <u>au</u>dience un<u>a</u>nimous pr<u>ai</u>se

ACTOR	PLAY	FAR	HAIR	CAUGHT	THEATRE
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2 Circle the correct word. Both answers may be possible.

1 I didn't like the acting, but I thought the ***set / cast*** was good.
2 The play was frightening. It scared me to ***die / death***.
3 There were great sound ***affects / effects***.
4 I thought the play was absolutely ***superb / sensational***.
5 The book is a ***classic / classical***.
6 The play is an ***adaption / adaptation*** from a book.
7 Are you keen on ***ghost / spirit*** stories?
8 Did they ***applause / applaud*** at the end?
9 These scary stories can create a lot of ***praise / tension***.

3 Complete the dialogues.

1 Were you frightened? ~ Yes, I was scared ..... .
2 Is it based on an original story? ~ No, it's an ..... of a novel.
3 Was the acting good? ~ Yes, the whole ..... was excellent.
4 Did everyone agree? ~ Yes, the decision was ..... .
5 Have people liked the play? ~ Yes, it's had ..... from almost everyone .
6 The audience just kept clapping. ~ I know. The ..... was incredible.
7 Will we still be reading it in 50 years? ~ Definitely. It's a ..... .
8 Were people nervous? ~ Yes, I felt a bit ..... .

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LIVEWORKSHEETS

B A disappointing film

A I went to see the latest **blockbuster** at the local cinema last night. I wasn't **convinced** by it.

B Me neither. I had quite **high expectations** because the critics seem to like it, but I thought the action **sequences** were **somewhat predictable**, and it just lacked any **originality**.

A Yes, they were **poor**. I think the worst **aspect**, though, was the **screenplay**, which was not **convincing** at all. And I couldn't hear some of it either – **subtitles** might've helped.

SPOTLIGHT *subtitles and dubbing*

Subtitles translate what is said in a film into a different language; they appear at the bottom of the screen. They are also used to help deaf people. If a film is **dubbed**, the spoken words of the film are replaced by words in another language.

GLOSSARY

blockbuster *inf*	a very popular and successful film or book
convinced	completely sure about things **convincing** making sb believe that sth is true
expectation	a hope that sth good will happen: ***have high/low expectations (of sth); live up to expectations; exceed expectations***
sequence	a set of events, actions, etc. which have a particular order and lead to a particular result
somewhat	to some degree SYN **rather**
predictable	If sth is **predictable**, we know in advance that it will happen or what it will be like. OPP **unpredictable**
originality	the quality of being new and interesting and not seen before
poor	not good; lower in quality than was expected
aspect	a particular part or feature of sth
screenplay	the words that are written for a film and how they are to be acted

4 **Underline the stress on these words. Use the APP to help you.**

aspect	expectation	somewhat
blockbuster	screenplay	subtitles
convinced	sequence	unpredictable

5 ***Yes* or *No*?**

1 If a film is predictable, do you know what will happen? .....
2 If a film is somewhat long, is it very long? .....
3 Does a sequence always involve more than one? .....
4 If the plot of a film is convincing, is that positive? .....
5 If something exceeds your expectations, is it what you expected? .....
6 Can you go to a screenplay? .....

6 **Complete the sentences.**

1 I knew what was going to happen at the end. ~ Yes, it was very _____.
2 My sister thought the ending was good, but I didn't think it was very _____.
3 Did the film live up to your _____?
4 There's a great action _____ in the film involving a car chase.
5 The film was OK, but overall I came away feeling _____ disappointed.
6 The actors were good, but they were helped by a fabulous _____.
7 Some people don't like foreign films with subtitles and prefer it when they are _____.
8 In the summer they often show these big _____ at the cinema, largely for kids.

7 **Complete the responses, agreeing with the first speaker but without repeating the underlined words.**

1 The screenplay <u>wasn't good</u>, was it? ~ No, it was _____.
2 Was it <u>better than you thought it would be</u>? ~ Yes, it _____.
3 I wasn't <u>completely sure about the story</u>. ~ No, I wasn't _____.
4 I didn't like that <u>particular feature</u> of the film. ~ No, I didn't like that _____.
5 Is the film <u>in the original language</u>? ~ Yes, but it has _____.
6 I didn't know <u>what was going to happen</u>. ~ I agree, the ending was very _____.
7 The film needed <u>some new and interesting ideas</u>. ~ Yeah, there was no _____.
8 I thought the plot was <u>rather</u> confusing. ~ I agree. I found it _____.

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