

5.2 Mosquito smasher!

Vocabulary adjectives to describe a video game

1 Put the words in the box in the correct column.

amusing disappointing dull enjoyable entertaining
intelligent ordinary original predictable silly
surprising unexciting violent

Positive	Negative
surprising	ordinary

2 Read the extracts from a review of the graphic novel *Map of Days*. Match the positive adjectives in the box to the phrases with a similar meaning in bold.

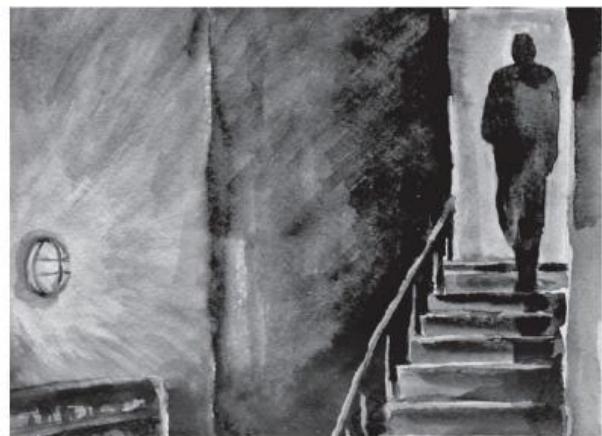
amusing enjoyable entertaining intelligent original
surprising

- 1 *Map of Days* by Robert Hunter is a lovingly made graphic novel that **will give you a lot of fun and pleasure.** *entertaining*
- 2 The illustrations are not only beautiful but **clever** as well. _____
- 3 In fact, the artwork is of a quality which the reader **doesn't expect to see.** _____
- 4 I can't remember reviewing another book with so many **ideas that have never been used before.** _____
- 5 It is the sort of book that **everybody will like reading.** _____
- 6 It really **made me laugh at times.** _____

3 Match the negative adjectives in the box to the extracts from reviews of graphic novels.

disappointing dull ordinary predictable silly violent

- 1 The pictures in *Day to Night* are boring, grey and uninteresting. *dull*
- 2 Tim Hope is a great graphic artist, so I was really looking forward to his new book, *The Crown*. Unfortunately, however, it isn't as good as his previous books. _____
- 3 *The Ancient Planet* is a very average graphic novel, which is neither unusual nor special in any way. _____
- 4 The problem with *Ghosthunter* is that you know exactly what will happen in the end as soon as you have read the first three or four pages. _____
- 5 *Fighter* isn't suitable for under-18s because there is so much fighting and killing. _____
- 6 *Zombie Girls* just isn't serious at all. _____



PRONUNCIATION word stress

4a Match adjectives 1–4 to a–d that have the same number of syllables and the same stress pattern.

1 wonderful	→	a amusing
2 enjoyable	→	b violent
3 surprising	→	c entertaining
4 disappointing	→	d original

b 5.1 Listen and check your answers.

c 5.1 Listen again and repeat the adjectives.

Grammar present perfect simple and past simple

5 Complete the blog with words from the box. Use each word once only.

ago already ever for just last never since

BLOG

My life as an extra

Have you ¹ ever spent the morning in a restaurant with a Hollywood film star? Well, I have – lots of times! In fact, this morning, I've ² had a cup of coffee with Denzel Washington. He was here only ten minutes ³ ! And ⁴ Thursday, I sat in a café with Reece Witherspoon. But it's not what you think. I'm not their best friend or anything. I'm a Hollywood extra. Extras, or supporting artists, are the people you see in the background in films. I've worked as an extra ⁵ 2010, and I've ⁶ appeared in over thirty films. I hope to be in a lot more. In all that time, I've ⁷ spoken a single word, or been in a scene ⁸ more than thirty seconds! That's the thing about being an extra. We walk up and down silently, or pretend to read newspapers, or look in shop windows. Oh, and we don't get paid much!

6 Choose the correct tense to complete the extracts from an interview with a film director.

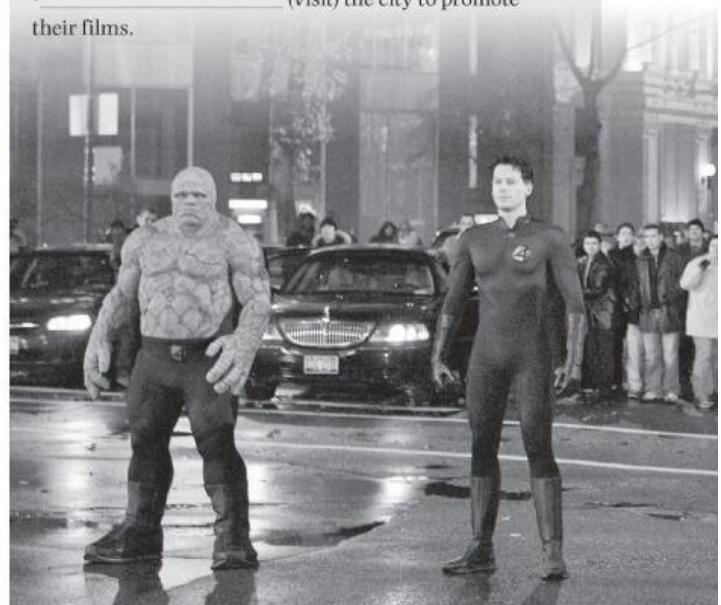
- 1 So far, I made / ve made seven films, and I hope to make many more.
- 2 We didn't start / haven't started filming the new movie yet. We plan to start on Monday.
- 3 In the early 2000s, I wasn't / haven't been able to get funding for any of my film ideas.
- 4 Over the last ten years, I changed / 've changed the way I make films.
- 5 I worked / 've worked with the same cameraman since 2010.
- 6 I watched / 've watched some of my early films last weekend. They weren't very good.

7 Complete the text about the film industry in Toronto. Use the present perfect or past simple form of the verbs in brackets.

HOLLYWOOD NORTH

American film-makers ¹ have made (make) hundreds of films and TV series in Toronto over the years, and it continues to be a major centre of film production. Since 1957, when a Hollywood TV company ² (film) a TV series there, the Canadian city ³ (be) the set for some of the best-known films in the world, including *Twilight* (2008) and *X-Men* (2000). There are two major reasons why Toronto ⁴ (become) such an important filmmaking centre. The first is that it is cheaper to make films there than it is in major US cities, and the second is that Toronto has similar buildings to New York and Chicago. Over the last fifty years, many directors ⁵ (go) to Toronto to film action scenes when they ⁶ (need) tall skyscrapers in the background. In 2008, for example, Edward Norton ⁷ (star) in *The Incredible Hulk*, performing action scenes on the streets of Toronto but pretending he was in New York.

Toronto is also home to an important film festival. Since it began in 1976, many actors and directors ⁸ (visit) the city to promote their films.



I can ...

describe a video game.
use the present perfect simple and past simple.

Very well Quite well More practice

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