

MOVIES, TV & ENTERTAINMENT

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Plot structure, describing characters, storyline twists, and engaging descriptions

Activity 1: Talking about plots

Discuss these questions with a partner:

1. What movie has the best plot twist or unexpected ending you have ever seen? (No spoilers!)
2. Do you prefer movies with happy, emotional, or realistic/sad endings?
3. Have you ever read a book and then watched the movie adaptation? Which was better?
4. Do you usually read plot summaries before choosing a movie to watch?
5. Who is your favorite actor or actress, and why do you admire their performances?
6. What makes a movie character memorable or relatable to an audience?

Activity 2: Vocabulary — Sentence upgrades

Upgrade each sentence by replacing the underlined simple words with a richer B1 adjective.

gripping • predictable • overrated • slow-paced
masterpiece • hilarious • terrifying • action-packed

1. "The comedy was so **funny** that everyone in the cinema was laughing out loud."
   → *The comedy was completely _____.*
2. "The storyline was very **boring and moved slowly** during the first hour."
   → The film was quite _____ in the beginning.
3. "It was a **scary** horror movie that kept me awake all night."
   → *It was a _____ horror movie.*
4. "Everyone says this film is amazing, but in my opinion, it is totally **given too much credit**."
   → *I think that movie is completely _____.*
5. "The plot was so exciting that it held my full attention from start to finish."
   → *It was a _____ story from start to finish.*
6. "You could guess the ending from the very first ten minutes."
   → *The plot was extremely _____.*
7. "The superhero film had lots of high-energy fight scenes and fast chases."
   → *It was an _____ blockbuster.*
8. "Many critics consider this classic director's work to be an absolute work of art."
   → *The film is widely recognized as a cinematic _____.*

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Activity 3: Relative clauses in movie descriptions

Combine the two sentences into one using relative pronouns (**who**, **which**, **where**).

1. *Inception* is a mind-bending sci-fi film. It explores the concept of entering people's dreams.

   👉 *Inception is a mind-bending sci-fi film* _____.

2. Cillian Murphy is a famous Irish actor. He won an Oscar for his role in Oppenheimer.

   👉 Cillian Murphy is a famous Irish actor _____.

3. Hollywood is a historic neighborhood in Los Angeles. Many major film studios are based there.

   👉 *Hollywood is a historic neighborhood* _____.

Activity 4: "Guess the Movie!" Clue Challenge

Work with a partner. Choose a famous movie you both know well. Fill in the structural clue card below without writing the film's title.

1. **Genre / Setting:** It is a _____ set in _____.
2. **Main Character:** It is about a person who _____.
3. **Key Conflict:** The main problem happens when _____.
4. **Why it's worth watching:** It has _____ and a _____ plot.

Read your completed clues to another pair. Can they guess which movie you are describing?

REAL ENGLISH BOX

Useful expressions for describing movies:

- **It stars... as...** — The film stars Leonardo DiCaprio as a detective.
- **It is set in...** — The story is set in 19th-century London.
- **To give away the ending** — Don't give away the ending; I haven't seen it yet!
- **A plot twist** — There is a huge plot twist near the middle of the film.
- **On the edge of my seat** — The thriller kept me on the edge of my seat the whole time.
- **Based on a true story** — I love watching dramas that are based on a true story.

Activity 5: Plot recommendation role-play

Work with a partner.

- **Student A:** Ask Student B to recommend a movie. State two things you like (e.g., fast action, unexpected twists) and one thing you hate (e.g., long dialogue, predictable endings).
- **Student B:** Recommend a real movie you've seen. Describe the main character and plot without revealing any spoilers or the ending!

Try to use at least three expressions from the REAL ENGLISH BOX.

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Teacher's Key

Activity 2:

1. hilarious
2. slow-paced
3. terrifying
4. overrated
5. gripping
6. predictable
7. action-packed
8. masterpiece

Activity 3:

1. *Inception* is a mind-bending sci-fi film **which / that** explores the concept of entering people's dreams.
2. Cillian Murphy is a famous Irish actor **who** won an Oscar for his role in *Oppenheimer*.
3. Hollywood is a historic neighborhood **where** many major film studios are based.

Activities 1, 4 and 5:

Answers will vary.

Focus on correct use of relative clauses (*who, which, where*) and plot description vocabulary.

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