

Films

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

Cars and *Toy Story* are **horror** / **animated** / **thriller** films.

- There is a lot of singing in a **western** / **thriller** / **musical**.
- There are a lot of **horror** / **science fiction** / **martial arts** films about Dracula.
- They said the film was a **western** / **comedy** / **musical**, but I didn't laugh!
- I think the Indiana Jones films are the best **action-adventure** / **mystery** / **romantic** films.
- I don't usually like **science fiction** / **horror** / **animated** films, but I enjoyed the *Star Wars* series.
- They don't make many cowboy films now, but **thrillers** / **westerns** / **musicals** used to be very popular.
- The best **romantic** / **fantasy** / **comedy** films that I've seen are the three *Lord of the Rings* films.

2 Complete the sentences with suitable nouns.

A man who acts in films is an **actor**.

- A woman who acts in films is an _____.
- A person who directs films is a _____.
- A person who sings is a _____.
- A person who dances is a _____.
- A person who composes music is a _____.
- A person who presents a TV show is a _____.

3 Match the words in the list with the definitions.

blockbuster ■ box office ■ cast ■ character ■ plot ■ scene ■ setting ■ special effects

The story of a book, film or play. **plot**

- A person represented in a book, film or play. _____
- The place where the action and events in a book, film or play happen. _____
- Action in a film that is made with special equipment or computers. _____
- A book or film that is very successful. _____
- The place where you buy tickets to see a film. _____
- A part of a film or play when the action is in one place. _____
- All the actors and actresses in a film or play. _____

Strong adjectives

4 Match the normal adjectives 1–7 with the strong adjectives A–H.

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|---------------|-----------------|
| good-looking | A disgusting |
| 1 unpleasant | B furious |
| 2 tired | C freezing |
| 3 interesting | D gorgeous |
| 4 angry | E exhausted |
| 5 cold | F filthy |
| 6 dirty | G unforgettable |
| 7 memorable | H fascinating |

5 Replace the underlined adjectives in the sentences with the strong adjectives in the list.

ancient ■ **boiling** ■ disgusting ■ enormous ■ furious ■ shocking ■ tiny ■ unforgettable

This summer has been hot. We're not used to it here!
boiling

- It was a memorable performance from the experienced actor. _____
- I couldn't eat the food because of the unpleasant smell. _____
- My father was angry with me for coming home so late. _____
- They live in a big house in Hollywood with ten bedrooms. _____
- That computer is old. Isn't it time to buy a new one? _____
- It's one of the most surprising things that I've ever seen. _____
- I live in a small student flat in London. _____

Phrasal verbs

6 Complete the sentences with the words in the list.

up ■ after ■ off ■ on ■ out ■ up ■ off

The plane will take **off** at 5 o'clock.

- Could you turn _____ the TV? The programme's finished.
- Jane has given _____ smoking.
- I've decided to take _____ yoga. I start next week.
- My parents are going out tonight, so I've got to look _____ my sister.
- My dad works _____ at the gym for an hour every morning.
- Put _____ your school uniform. It's nearly time to go!

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1 Correct the underlined mistakes in the text.

The Oscars

Walt Disney won 26 Oscars, most of them for animated ~~crime~~ films.

Only ten (1) romantic films have ever won the Oscar for 'Best film'. *Chicago* was the last one to win it in 2002, when Renée Zellweger and Catherine Zeta-Jones sang and danced to the music.

At the age of 29, Adrien Brody became the youngest person to win the Oscar for 'Best actor', for his performance in the (2) superhero film *The Pianist*. He played a musician living in Poland during the Second World War.

It seems that the people awarding the Oscars don't like funny films. The last (3) action-adventure film to win the Oscar for 'Best film' was *Annie Hall* in 1978.

No (4) horror film has ever won the Oscar for 'Best film', although *Star Wars* (1977) and *ET* (1982) were nominated.

Events that produce worry and excitement are the most popular subjects for Oscar-winning films. (5) Classic films about modern life like *Million Dollar Baby*, and (6) fantasy films such as *The King's Speech*, have all won in recent years.

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King is the only (7) thriller film to have won the Oscar for 'Best film', although these films are often nominated for special effects.

2 Complete the text with the words in the list.

character ■ director ■ fans ■ plot ■ scene ■ set ■ stars ■ version

The Help is a realistic drama that all film fans will love. The film is based on Kathryn Stockett's bestselling novel, and the film (1) _____ was written by Tate Taylor, who was also the (2) _____ of the film. *The Help* (3) _____ Emma Stone as the main (4) _____, Eugenia 'Skeeter' Phelan, a university graduate who returns to her home town. The film is (5) _____ in the town of Jackson, Mississippi, in the 1960s. The (6) _____ follows Skeeter's attempts to write a book about African-American women working for white families. It becomes clear in the (7) _____ when Skeeter meets her old white friends that it is not going to be an easy job.

Strong adjectives and intensifying adverbs

3 Complete the sentences with strong adjectives.

She's really attractive. In fact, I would say that she's *stunning*.

- The film wasn't just funny. It was _____!
- The talk was interesting, and some of it was _____.
- The new reality show is worse than bad. It's _____!
- I've never been so bored in my life. Looking at their holiday photos was _____.
- Her divorce was surprising, but her marriage to an 80-year-old man was _____.
- His first horror story was quite frightening, but his latest novel is _____.
- We really enjoyed ourselves in Australia – it was a _____ holiday!

Phrasal verbs

4 Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the list.

on ■ out ■ to ■ up ■ with

How do you put up *with* his bad temper?

- I can always count _____ my parents to help me when I've got a problem.
- We're really looking forward _____ our holidays.
- You'll end _____ poor if you keep spending your money like that.
- Jack helped me _____ with my maths revision.

5 Replace the underlined words with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the list.

blow away ■ find out ■ go on ■ start out ■ think about ■ turn into

Their new album really impressed me. *blew me away*

- We didn't discover that the train had been cancelled until we got to the station. _____
- Have you considered changing your job? _____
- The character in the film becomes a superhero. _____
- He begins as a poor boy, but at the end of the story he becomes a millionaire. _____
- We can't continue living like this! _____

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- Complete the texts and then identify the film genres.
 - Toy Story 1* was the first film made completely with computer-generated images. The **director** of the film was John Lasseter. _____
 - Did you know that the _____ of *West Side Story* is based on the story of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*? But, of course, it's _____ in New York, not Verona! _____
 - In my opinion, the first *Spiderman* film was the best of the series. I'm a big _____ of the Spiderman comics and I think the first film is the closest to the original story. _____
 - My favourite film is *The Big Sleep*, the film _____ of Raymond Chandler's famous novel. It _____ Humphrey Bogart as the main _____, Phillip Marlowe. I think he was the best cinema detective of all time. _____

Strong adjectives and intensifying adverbs

- Replace the underlined words with strong adjectives.

The actress is very attractive. *stunning*

 - I thought *Titanic* was very bad! _____
 - The Silence of the Lambs* is a very frightening film. _____
 - Intouchables*, a French film about a disabled man and his carer, is very funny. _____
 - The documentary *Bowling for Columbine* was very interesting. _____
 - The decision not to give an Oscar to George Clooney was very surprising. _____

Phrasal verbs

- Complete the sentences with the correct form of suitable phrasal verbs.

Michael wanted to continue, but I couldn't *go on*.

 - The plot didn't impress me, but the special effects were amazing – they _____ me _____.
 - He discovered that he had been adopted, but he still hasn't _____ who his real parents are.
 - I couldn't do my maths homework, but Chloë _____ me _____ and I managed to finish it.
 - Tom doesn't want to go, but I'm _____ it.
 - It started out as a peaceful demonstration, but it _____ in violence.

Vocabulary extra

- Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first sentence. Use the correct form of the phrasal verbs and film vocabulary in the list.

get into ■ pass on ■ put off
dialogue ■ plot ■ screenwriter ■ special effects

Jack writes great stories for films.
Jack is a great *screenwriter*.

 - I couldn't become interested in the film because the computer-generated action scenes really annoyed me. I couldn't _____ the film because the _____ really annoyed me.
 - The director gave the conversations between the main characters to another writer. The director _____ the _____ between the main characters to another writer.
 - They have postponed filming until they make some changes to the story of the film. They have _____ filming until they make some changes to the _____.
- Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the list.

direct ■ edit ■ ~~graphic novel~~ ■ literature ■ publish ■ unputdownable ■ well-acted

In a *graphic novel*, the pictures are as important as the words.

 - She decided to give up acting. She wants to work behind the camera and _____ films.
 - Most best-sellers are _____, but I couldn't read more than 20 pages of this book. It's rubbish!
 - The actors did a good job and the play was _____, but the plot was confusing.
 - To get a 13 certificate for the film, they had to _____ out all the violent scenes.
 - Charles Dickens first _____ a lot of his stories in magazines.
- Correct the mistakes in the idioms and expressions.

Tom Wilkinson was quite old when he made it *large* in Hollywood. *big*

 - Although it's an American film, all of the action makes place in Japan. _____
 - It was so funny that I couldn't help laughing down loud. _____
 - The character comes through as serious and boring. _____
 - I liked the film and I'm sure the book will be well value reading. _____