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A terrific book, but a terrible movie!

1 SNAPSHOT

Some of the world's most successful movies



Movie	Year	Box office \$ (In millions)
1. <i>Star Wars</i>	1977/1997	420.0
2. <i>E.T. – The Extra-Terrestrial</i>	1982	399.9
3. <i>Jurassic Park</i>	1993	356.5
4. <i>Independence Day</i>	1996	306.2
5. <i>The Lion King</i>	1994	300.4
6. <i>Forrest Gump</i>	1994	298.5
7. <i>Home Alone</i>	1990	285.8
8. <i>Return of the Jedi</i>	1983	263.7
9. <i>Jaws</i>	1975	260.0
10. <i>Batman</i>	1989	251.2

Source: *The Information Please Almanac*

Talk about these questions.

How many of these movies have you seen?

Which is your favorite? Why?

What are the three best movies you have seen in the last few years?

2 CONVERSATION

A  Listen and practice.

Paul: Do you want to see a movie tonight?

Carol: Hmm. Maybe. What's playing?

Lynn: How about the new Steven Spielberg film?
I hear it's really exciting.

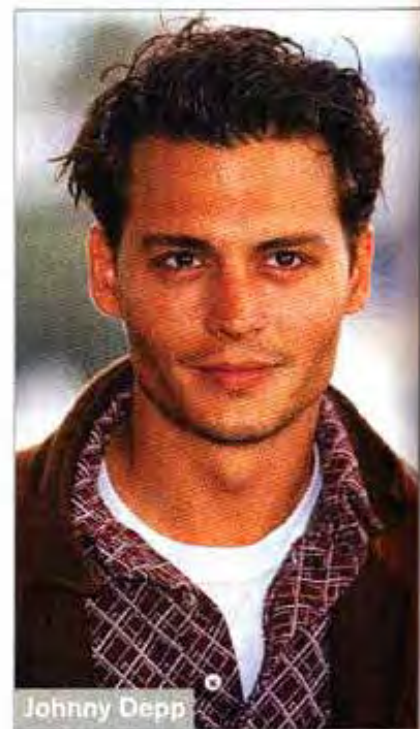
Carol: Who's Steven Spielberg?

Paul: You know. He directed *Jaws*, *E.T.*, and *Jurassic Park*.

Carol: Oh, *Jurassic Park* was boring. The book by Michael Crichton was fascinating, but the movie was terrible!


Lynn: Well, I'm interested in that new Johnny Depp movie.
It's a romance. It's been playing for about a month.

Carol: Now that sounds good. I've never seen him in a romance, and I think he's a wonderful actor!



Johnny Depp

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B  Listen to the rest of the conversation. What happens next? What do they decide to do?

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Participles as adjectives

Present participles

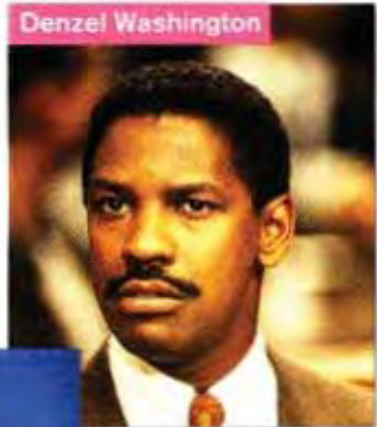
The new Johnny Depp movie sounds interesting.
 The movie *Jurassic Park* was boring.
 The book was fascinating.

Past participles

I'm interested in the new Johnny Depp movie.
 I was bored by *Jurassic Park*.
 I was fascinated by the book.

Complete these sentences. Then compare with a partner.

1. Denzel Washington is a very actor. (interest)
2. I find nature films (fascinate)
3. I'm not in horror movies. (interest)
4. I'm with watching television. (bore)
5. I loved Winona Ryder's latest movie.
 I was that it didn't do better. (amaze)
6. I thought *Jurassic Park* was an book. (excite)
7. I'm by Michael Crichton's novels. (fascinate)
8. It's they don't make many
 westerns these days. (surprise)



4 WORD POWER Reactions

A Complete the chart with synonyms from the list.

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|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| absurd | dumb | marvelous | silly |
| bizarre | fabulous | odd | terrible |
| disgusting | fantastic | outstanding | unusual |
| dreadful | horrible | ridiculous | weird |

awful	wonderful	stupid	strange
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B Write six sentences like the ones in Exercise 3 about movies, actors, or novels. Then compare with a partner. Does your partner agree?

5 LISTENING



Listen to people talk about books and movies. Check (✓) the adjective that best describes what they say about each one.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> fascinating | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> wonderful | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> boring | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> ridiculous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> silly | <input type="checkbox"/> odd | <input type="checkbox"/> terrific | <input type="checkbox"/> interesting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> strange | <input type="checkbox"/> boring | <input type="checkbox"/> dreadful | <input type="checkbox"/> exciting |

6 PRONUNCIATION Word and sentence stress

A Which syllable is stressed in each of these words? Mark the stress. Then listen and check. Practice the words with a partner.

absurd	fantastic	outstanding	successful	terrible	unusual
amazing	fabulous	fascinating	ridiculous	surprising	terrific

B Listen and practice these sentences. Pay attention to stress.

It was a terrific book, but a terrible movie!
 I thought *Jurassic Park* was ridiculous, but it was very successful.
Jaws was an exciting movie with many frightening scenes.

7 LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!

A Pair work Take turns asking and answering these questions and others of your own.

What kinds of movies are you interested in? Why?
 What kinds of movies do you find boring?
 Who are your favorite actors and actresses? Why?
 Are there any actors you don't like?
 What's one of the most exciting movies you have ever seen?
 What did you like about it?
 What are your three favorite movies in English? Why?
 Are there any outstanding movies playing now?

A: What kinds of movies are you interested in?
 B: I love action movies.
 A: Really? Why is that?
 B: They're exciting! What about you?
 A: I think action movies are kind of silly. I prefer . . .

B Group work Com are your information.



8 CONVERSATION

 Listen and practice.

- Nina: This John Grisham novel looks interesting.
 Alan: Oh, it is. It's about a guy who joins a corrupt law firm and then can't leave. Luckily he has a brave wife who helps him out of the mess.
 Nina: Hmm. Maybe I'll read it.
 Alan: Well, the movie is even better.
 Nina: Oh, is that the movie that stars Tom Cruise?
 Alan: Yeah. Why don't we rent the video?
 Nina: You don't mind seeing it again?
 Alan: Not at all. You rent the video, and I'll bring the popcorn.



9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Relative clauses

Use *who* or *that* for people.

- It's about a guy. He joins a corrupt law firm.
 It's about a guy *who/that* joins a corrupt law firm.

Use *which* or *that* for things.

- It's a thriller. It stars Tom Cruise.
 It's a thriller *which/that* stars Tom Cruise.

A Rewrite B's answers using relative clauses. Then practice with a partner.

- A: Have you heard of *West Side Story*?
 B: Yes, it's a musical. It has some wonderful songs.
- A: What's the movie *Schindler's List* about?
 B: It's about an Austrian man. He saved the lives of many people during World War II.
- A: Did you enjoy reading Stephen King's latest novel?
 B: Yes! It was a great book. It was hard to put down.
- A: Who was George Gershwin?
 B: He was an American composer. He wrote lots of fantastic music.
- A: Who is Steven Spielberg?
 B: He's a movie director. He's made some of the most successful movies of all time.

B Pair work Complete these sentences with relative clauses. Then write three more sentences of your own. Compare your information around the class.

- Tom Cruise is an actor
- Star Wars* is a movie
- Walt Disney was a famous movie director
- Marilyn Monroe was an actress
- The Wizard of Oz* is a musical



10 SCRIPT WRITERS

A Group work You are script writers for a television studio. You have to write a new script for a TV detective show or mystery. Plan an interesting story. Make brief notes.

- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the main characters?
- What are the main events?
- How does the story end?



B Class activity Tell the class about your story.

"Our story is about two secret agents who are chasing after aliens from another planet. There are two main characters. . . ."

11 LISTENING

CLASS AUDIO ONLY

A Listen to two critics talk about a new movie. What do they like or not like about it? Rate each item in the chart from 1 to 3.

	Pauline	Colin
Acting	*****	*****
Story	*****	*****
Photography	*****	*****
Special effects	*****	*****

Ratings

- 1 = didn't like it
- 2 = OK
- 3 = liked it very much

CLASS AUDIO ONLY

B Look at the chart in part A. Guess how many stars each critic gave the movie. Then listen to the critics give their ratings.

- ★ poor
- ★★ fair
- ★★★ very good
- ★★★★ excellent

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At the movies

What do you know about movies and movie stars?
Turn to page IC-17.

12 WRITING Movie reviews

A Pair work Choose a movie you both have seen recently and discuss it. Then each person writes a review of it.

- What was the movie about?
- Did you enjoy it?
- What did you like or not like about it?
- How would you rate it?

B Class activity Read your review to the class. Who else has seen the movie? Do they agree with your review?

I recently saw . . . It's a comedy that stars . . . It's about a guy who gets lost in a large city. . . . The movie has good special effects and is very funny. . . . I give it . . . stars

13 READING

Star Wars – Three Reviews

Have you ever seen the movie *Star Wars*?

Movie Director's Latest Triumph!



Don't believe people who say you can't improve a good thing. Director George Lucas has taken *Star Wars*, which was a hit back in 1977, and made it even better. There are new scenes, incredible special effects, and an improved soundtrack. But Lucas isn't just a technical genius. He also knows how to win our hearts. Everyone will love this science-fiction adventure story about growing up, friendship, and good against evil. Audiences will especially like the exciting chase scenes, shootouts, and Darth Vader, who is one of the greatest movie villains of all time. This movie is spectacular!

A New, Old Hit

Star Wars is back and better than ever . . . sort of. Yes, the soundtrack is clearer, but it's also louder. Yes, there are some new characters, but the old ones seem a little silly

now. Even though it's a fun movie, and I liked it the first time I saw it, I expected this to be so much better. Maybe George Lucas should have made an entirely new movie.

"What Junk!"

Why did George Lucas spend his money and time on a tired old movie? There is a scene where Luke Skywalker, the hero, is rushing to the spaceship that will take him on his journey to save a

princess, some robots, and, oh yes, the universe. When Luke sees the old spaceship, he exclaims, "What a piece of junk!" I knew exactly how he felt. This movie is just that, a piece of junk.

A Read the reviews. What rating would each critic give *Star Wars*? Circle the words in each review that helped you decide on the critics' ratings.

★ poor ★★ fair ★★★ very good ★★★★★ excellent

B *Pair work* Talk about these questions. Explain your answers.

- Do you read movie reviews or watch movie critics on TV? Do they help you decide which movies you want to see?
- What movie did you see when you were a child that is still special to you today?
- What makes a movie great? terrible?

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A Complete this questionnaire.

What is the name of an actor or actress . . .

1. that reminds you of someone in your family?
2. that has beautiful eyes?
3. who does things to help society?
4. who has a beautiful speaking voice?
5. who isn't good-looking but who is very talented?

What is the name of a movie . . .

6. that made you feel sad?
7. that made you laugh a lot?
8. which scared you?
9. which had great music?
10. that was about a ridiculous story?

B Pair work Compare your questionnaires. Ask follow-up questions of your own.

A: What is the name of an actor or actress that reminds you of someone in your family?

B: Tom Cruise.

A: Who does he remind you of?

B: My brother, Todd.

A: Really? Why?

B: Because he looks like my brother. They have the same smile.

