

That's entertainment!

- ▶ Discuss popular entertainment
- ▶ Discuss movies and famous Hollywood names

1 SNAPSHOT

MOVIE TRIVIA



Black Mass (2015)
Sienna Miller spent months rehearsing and filming, but in the end, the director decided to cut out all her scenes for "narrative reasons."

Django Unchained (2012)
In the movie, Leonardo DiCaprio was supposed to slam a table, but accidentally slammed a glass and cut his hand. The scene was so good that the director decided to incorporate it.

Furious 7 (2015)
Actor Paul Walker died while still shooting the movie. The director used computer technology and stunts to finish the remaining scenes.



Avatar (2009) The special effects were so expensive that director James Cameron had to wait 10 years to make the movie.

The Princess and the Frog (2009) After watching the movie, about fifty children got sick with salmonella from kissing frogs.

Paranormal Activity (2007) This movie only cost \$15,000 to make, but it made \$9.1 million in its first week.

Which of the movie trivia do you find most interesting?
Do you know any other movie trivia?
Which of these movies have you seen? Did you enjoy it? Which would you like to watch?

2 CONVERSATION I think they're boring.

A Listen and practice.

Danny: It's so hot out. Do you want to stay in and watch a movie this afternoon?

Gina: Hmm. Maybe. What do you want to see?

Danny: How about an X-Men movie? I've heard that the early ones are really interesting.

Gina: For you, maybe. I'm not interested in action movies. Actually, I think they're boring.

Danny: What about that new movie based on one of Stephen King's novels?

Gina: I don't know. I'm always fascinated by his books, but I'm not in the mood for a horror movie.

Danny: Well, what do you want to see?

Gina: How about a *Game of Thrones* marathon? It's my favorite series ever.

Danny: OK, but only if you make us some popcorn.

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

That X-Men movie sounds **interesting**.

Stephen King's books are **fascinating**.

I think action movies are **boring**.

Past participles

I'm not **interested** in action movies.

I'm **fascinated** by Stephen King's books.

I'm **bored** by action movies.

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A Complete these sentences. Then compare with a partner.

- John Cho is such an _____ actor. I'm always _____ by his incredible talent. (amaze)
- Most TV shows are really _____. I often get so _____ watching them that I fall asleep. (bore)
- I was _____ in watching *The Martian* after I read the book. And I was surprised that the movie is really _____. (interest)
- I'm _____ to watch *The Avengers*. Everybody has told me it's really _____. (excite)
- I find animated films very _____. I've been _____ by them since I was a little kid. (amuse / fascinate)
- It's _____ that horror movies are so popular. I can't understand why people go to the movies to feel _____. (surprise / terrify)



John Cho

B PAIR WORK Complete the description below with the correct forms of the words.

amaze annoy confuse disgust embarrass shock

I had a terrible time at the movies last weekend. First, my ticket cost \$25. I was really _____ by the price. By mistake, I gave the cashier two \$5 bills instead of a twenty and a five. I was a little _____. Then there was trash all over the theater. The mess was _____. The people behind me were talking during the movie, which was _____. The story was hard to follow. I always find thrillers so _____. I liked the special effects, though. They were _____!

4 WORD POWER How do you like it?

A PAIR WORK Complete the chart with synonyms from the list.

amusing	dumb	horrible	odd	silly
bizarre	fantastic	hysterical	outstanding	terrible
disgusting	hilarious	incredible	ridiculous	weird

Awful	Wonderful	Stupid	Strange	Funny

B GROUP WORK Share your opinions about a movie, an actor, an actress, a TV show, and a book. Use words from part A.

5 LISTENING What did you think?

- A** Listen to people talk about books, movies, and TV programs. Match each conversation to the statement that best describes the people's opinions.
1. ____ a. This special offers an amazing look into an exotic country.
 2. ____ b. The new investigation into these creatures was a waste of time.
 3. ____ c. The bad acting with this boring idea makes it terrible.
 4. ____ d. She is excited to read more of this clever mystery series.

- B** Listen again. Write a reason each person gives to support his or her opinion.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

6 PRONUNCIATION Emphatic stress

- A** Listen and practice. Notice how stress and a higher pitch are used to express strong opinions.

That was terrible! He was amazing! That's fascinating!

- B PAIR WORK** Write four statements using these words. Then take turns reading them. Pay attention to emphatic stress.

fantastic horrible ridiculous weird

7 DISCUSSION I give it two thumbs up!

- 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 actors or actresses you don't like?
 What's the worst movie you've ever seen?
 Are there any outstanding movies playing now?
 Do you prefer to watch films dubbed or with subtitles? Why?

A: What kinds of movies are you interested in?

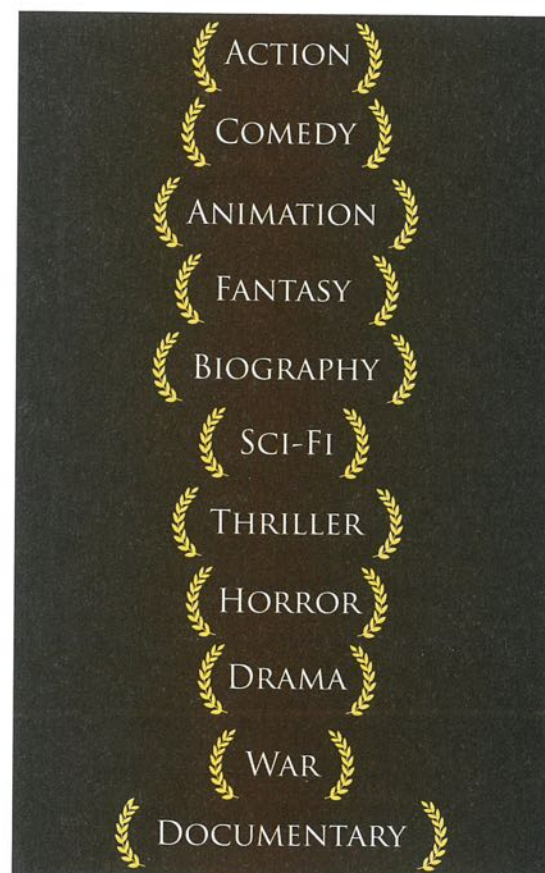
B: I like romantic comedies.

A: Really? Why is that?

B: They're entertaining! What about you?

A: I think romantic comedies are kind of dumb. I prefer ...

- B GROUP WORK** Compare your information. Whose taste in movies is most like yours?



8 PERSPECTIVES And the Oscar goes to ...

- A** Listen to people talk about some of their Hollywood favorites. Can you guess the actress, actor, or movie each person is describing?

1. He's a famous American actor who is also a successful director and producer. He won the Oscar for Best Motion Picture in 2013 with *Argo*, which he directed and co-produced.
2. The first movie in the series came out in 1977. It's a science fiction fantasy that has become a blockbuster franchise. The story takes place "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away."
3. I really like animated movies, and the third one in this series is my favorite. It's about a boy's toys that have a secret life full of adventures when they are alone.
4. She's an actress that is excellent in both dramas and comedies. I loved her in *Mamma Mia!* and *The Devil Wears Prada*. In 2011, she won her third Oscar for her performance in *The Iron Lady*.

- B** Do you like the people and movies described in part A? What else do you know about them?

9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

- Relative pronouns for people and things**

Use who or that for people.

He's an actor. He's also a director and producer.

He's an actor **who/that** is also a director and producer.

Use which or that for things.

It's a science fiction fantasy. It has become a blockbuster franchise.

It's a science fiction fantasy **which/that** has become a blockbuster franchise.

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- A** Combine the sentences using relative pronouns. Then compare with a partner.

1. Jennifer Hudson is a singer. She's acted in several films.
2. *The Phantom of the Opera* is based on a French novel. It was published in 1911.
3. *Spiderman* and *Transformers* are successful franchises. They were adapted from comic books.
4. Michael Keaton is a famous Hollywood actor. He began his career as a cameraman.
5. Dakota Fanning is an actress. She made her first movie when she was only seven years old.
6. Wii Fit is a video game. It helps people to get more exercise.
7. Stephenie Meyer is an American writer. She wrote the *Twilight* series.
8. Many Hollywood stars live in Beverly Hills. It's a small city near Los Angeles, California.

- B PAIR WORK** Complete these sentences. Then compare your information around the class.

1. Adele is a singer and songwriter ...
2. *Fantastic Four* is a movie franchise ...
3. *The Voice* is a reality show ...
4. Scarlett Johansson is an actress ...



Jennifer Hudson

10 INTERCHANGE 13 It was hilarious!

How do you like movies and TV shows? Go to Interchange 13 on page 127.

11 SPEAKING Pilot episode

A PAIR WORK A TV studio is looking for ideas for a new TV show. Brainstorm possible ideas and agree on an idea. Make brief notes.

What kind of TV show is it?
What's it about?
Who are the main characters?
Who is this show for?

B CLASS ACTIVITY Tell the class about your TV show.

"Our TV show is a comedy. It's about two very lazy friends who discover a time machine and travel to the time of the dinosaurs. Then . . ."



12 LISTENING At the movies

A Listen to two critics, Nicole and Anthony, talk about a new movie. Check (✓) the features of the movie that they discuss. (There are two extra features.)

	Nicole's opinion	Anthony's opinion
<input type="checkbox"/> acting		
<input type="checkbox"/> story		
<input type="checkbox"/> writing		
<input type="checkbox"/> music		
<input type="checkbox"/> love story		
<input type="checkbox"/> special effects		

B Listen again. Write Nicole and Anthony's opinions of each feature.

13 WRITING A movie review

A PAIR WORK Choose a movie you both have seen and discuss it. Then write a review of it.

What was the movie about?
What did you like about it?
What didn't you like about it?
How was the acting?
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?

We recently streamed *Birdman*, which won the Academy Award for Best Picture in 2015. It's about an actor who made successful movies in Hollywood in the past, and now tries to reinvent his career on Broadway. It stars Michael Keaton and Emma Stone as a father and daughter. We liked the movie because it is both a drama and a comedy. I didn't like . . .

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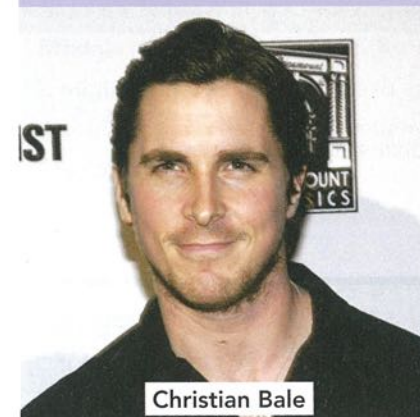
14 READING

A Scan the article. Which movies are mentioned? When were they released?

THE REAL ART OF ACTING

1 Acting can bring fame, money, and success. But it's not always easy. Good acting is not only about learning lines and dressing up. It's also about convincing the audience that you really are somebody else. [a] To achieve this, good actors sometimes put themselves through unpleasant experiences.

2 Actors often have to lose or gain a lot of weight in order to play a part. In *The Machinist* (2005), Christian Bale plays an extremely thin factory worker who suffers from insomnia. [b] Four months before he began filming, Bale started a crazy diet.



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Christian Bale

He only ate an apple and a can of tuna a day and lost 63 pounds. Although he wanted to lose another 20 pounds, the producers persuaded him to stop because they were worried about his health. When filming ended, he had just six months to gain the incredible 100 pounds he needed to play Bruce Wayne in *Batman Begins*. [c]

3 Physical training can also be a challenge. Steven Spielberg wanted to show the real horror of war in *Saving Private Ryan* (1998) and he wanted his actors to feel like real soldiers. So he sent a group of them, including Tom Hanks, to a 10-day military boot camp.

[d] They ran miles every day, slept outside in the freezing cold, and were given little food. In the end, all of them were physically and mentally exhausted. Natalie Portman also had to make a great physical effort when she got the role of a ballerina in *Black Swan* (2010). Before filming, she spent a whole year training for eight hours a day, six days



Natalie Portman

a week in order to learn to dance. Once filming began, things didn't get easier either. Portman dislocated a rib while dancing. Nevertheless, she bravely continued filming during the six weeks it took her to recover.

4 Sometimes "becoming" a character can mean saying goodbye to the real world and everybody in it completely. Actor Heath Ledger locked himself in a hotel room for six weeks when he was preparing to play the role of Joker in *The Dark Knight* (2008). He slept only two hours a day and he spent the rest of the time practicing how to walk, talk, and move like his character. [e] It seems he was successful in the end, as audiences and critics loved his work, and he won an Oscar for the part.

B Read the article. Where do these sentences belong? Write a–e.

- The actors' lives became very hard. ____
- Not sleeping is making him sick. ____
- And he didn't speak to anybody at all. ____
- The character has to be believable. ____
- So he ate lots of pizza and ice cream. ____

C Find words in the text to match these definitions.

- The words that actors say in a movie (paragraph 1) _____
- People who control how a movie is made (paragraph 2) _____
- A bone in a person's chest (paragraph 3) _____
- The people who write reviews of movies or books (paragraph 4) _____

D Which of these unpleasant experiences is the worst? Do you think it's necessary for an actor to do this kind of thing for a part?