

Unit 8: Getting together

1

Reading

Films

Go to <https://www.rollingstone.com/movies/movie-lists/best-movies-2019-so-far-travers-848881/>. Have a look at the best films of the year 2019 and answer the questions below.

Which of the first nine films is/are

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| 1 | a horror film | _____ |
| 2 | a documentary | _____ |
| 3 | an action film | _____ |
| 4 | set in London | _____ |
| 5 | a film based on Elton John's life | _____ |
| 6 | shot using a smartphone | _____ |
| 7 | the box-office champion | _____ |
| 8 | set in the USA in the mid-1970s | _____ |
| 9 | calling attention to environmental and moral damage | _____ |
| 10 | about two bookworms having a crazy night out before graduation | _____ |

2

Writing

A surprise party

a You are planning a surprise party for your best friend Stephen. Write an email invitation to your friends. In your email you should

- say what kind of party it is.
- explain when and where it takes place.
- describe how to get there.
- ask people to bring drinks.

Write 100–120 words.

b You are Stephen. The party has been a huge surprise for you. A few days later, you write an email to all your friends. In your email you should

- thank your friends.
- mention one bad or good thing that happened.
- say what made the party so special for you.

Write 80–100 words.

3

Listening

Suggestions

a Listen to Suzi and Michelle. What do they want to do?

b Listen again and complete the conversation.

Suzi: So Michelle, (1) _____ tomorrow?
 Michelle: Hm, not really. (2) _____ Graz?
 Suzi: That (3) _____. (4) _____ some shopping.
 Michelle: Hm, (5) _____. (6) _____.
 Suzi: All right. (7) _____.

c Find expressions in the conversation for: ■ making suggestions ■ saying yes ■ saying no

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Language

Making and answering suggestions

Match 1–6 with a–f to make conversations.

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| 1 | Would you like to come over to my place tonight? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 | Let's have dinner at the new Greek restaurant on King Street next Saturday! | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 | Do you have any plans for tomorrow? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 | Hi, this is Tom. We're just on our way to the ice cream parlour. Do you want to join us? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 | How about meeting on Sunday evening? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 | Why don't we go and see the new Batman film at the weekend? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- a You mean the one at the corner? Actually, I think it's Turkish.
 b Should be fine. I don't think I'll have to be at home on Sunday.
 c Thanks, Tom. But I'm really tired, and I don't want to go out right now.
 d Not really. Why don't we go and have a look at this new fitness centre in my neighbourhood?
 e Sorry, I can't. My parents are going out, so I have to babysit my little brother tonight.
 f Actually, I've already seen it. I didn't like it that much.

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Language

Suggestions

Choose four of the words in the box to complete the conversations.

sure ■ don't ■ could ■ like ■ would ■ not

- 1 **A:** _____ you _____ to go out for a meal at the weekend?
B: I'm _____. I haven't got much money.
A: It's OK. I'll pay.
B: OK then!

don't ■ could ■ why ■ sound ■ let's ■ OK

- 2 A: There's a good film on at the cinema this week. _____ we go?
 B: I'm not sure. I'm quite tired today.
 A: Well, _____ go tomorrow then.
 B: That _____ good. I think I'd rather stay in today.
 A: OK. We could watch a DVD.

6 Language

Films

Complete the sentences. Use the words in brackets to form an adjective that fits in the gap.

- The film is a comedy, but it has a (1) _____ (seriousness) message.
 This is one of the most (2) _____ (interest) documentaries I've ever seen.
 I find action films rather (3) _____ (boredom), to be honest.
 Every year in February the (4) _____ (fame) Academy Awards Ceremony takes place.
 At the beginning of the film Bilbo is not an (5) _____ (adventure) person at all but then he gets into all kinds of (6) _____ (danger) situations, and he changes a lot.
 16-year-old American girls dream of being (7) _____ (independence), like the girl in this film.
 Some horror films are about (8) _____ (death) people who come to life again.
 Children always love (9) _____ (animation) films and so do most grown-ups.
Midnight in Paris is a (10) _____ (romance) comedy starring Owen Wilson.

7 Language

Comparing

Complete Sylvia's account of her summer holidays with the correct form of the words in brackets.

- The (1) _____ (good) holiday I've had so far was when I went to Paris last summer. Paris is one of the (2) _____ (pretty) cities in Europe. It has the (3) _____ (beautiful) buildings I've ever seen and some of the (4) _____ (interesting) architecture.
 I saw some amazing sights, and I even went up the Eiffel Tower, which was (5) _____ (exhausting) than playing a tennis match. It would have been (6) _____ (quick) to go up with the elevator but walking was a lot (7) _____ (cheap).
 I even spoke some French – it was (8) _____ (easy) than I had imagined! However, my French pronunciation was even (9) _____ (bad) than my English pronunciation! Then after two weeks and lots of practice my French seemed (10) _____ (good) than my English!
 So maybe I should go to England next summer!

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Language

Comparatives

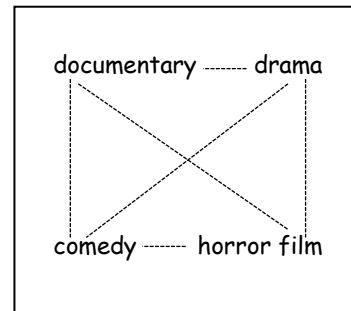
a Work in pairs. Write four different film genres in a square.

b Take turns to compare them. For each comparison, draw a line. Try to use different adjectives.

Example: *OK, a documentary is more realistic than an action film.*

c Choose a different topic and repeat.

- cities
- transport
- shops
- animals
- activities
- food



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Language

Superlatives

a Complete the sentences with the superlative form of the words.

- 1 What's the best restaurant you know? (good)
- 2 What's _____ car? (fast)
- 3 What's _____ way to travel? (dangerous)
- 4 What's _____ form of transport? (slow)
- 5 What's _____ shopping area? (busy)
- 6 What's _____ city you know? (crowded)

b Ask and answer the questions. Express your opinions and give reasons.

Example: A: *I think the Golden Dragon is the best restaurant.*

B: *Why?*

A: *Well, it has great food, like...*

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Language

Comparatives and superlatives

Complete each sentence using the comparative or superlative form of the adjective.

- 1 The piano is probably the most difficult musical instrument to learn. (difficult)
- 2 Many people are scared of flying, but in fact driving is much _____. (dangerous)
- 3 The London Underground is _____ underground railway in the world. (old)
- 4 Woody Allen's early films are funny, but his later ones are even _____. (funny)
- 5 I think your article could be _____. Please write it again. (good)
- 6 _____ hotel I know is a small, family run one in Jesolo. (nice)
- 7 It costs _____ to fly to England than to go by train. (little)
- 8 Cars are _____ than scooters. (safe)
- 9 This year was _____ Easter week ever in the UK. (hot)

11

Language

Hopes, plans and predictions

Match 1–6 with a–f to make short conversations.

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| 1 Do you have any plans for your future? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Mum, can you take me to the station? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 How are you getting on in your new school? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Hello Jane! Can I speak to Tim? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Did you write Aunt Elsie a birthday card? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Would you like to live abroad one day? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- a Excellent. I'm hoping to pass all my exams.
- b Yes, I'm going to start university after school.
- c Just a moment. I'll get him.
- d I'm not sure. I think I would miss my family.
- e No, I'm sorry, I can't but I'll ask Dad.
- f No, but I'm going to do it tonight.

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Language

Hopes and plans

a Listen to Adil talking about his hopes and plans. Tick (✓) the topics he mentions.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> studying | <input type="checkbox"/> children | <input type="checkbox"/> work | <input type="checkbox"/> sport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> travel | <input type="checkbox"/> marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> films | <input type="checkbox"/> music |

b Listen again. What are his hopes and plans?

Example: *He's going to ... He's hoping to ... He'd like to ...*

c Talk in pairs. What are your hopes and plans?

d What do you think are typical hopes and plans for a 15-year old, a 25-year-old, and a 50-year-old?

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Language

Present progressive for future arrangements

a What questions can you ask about this sentence?

"I'm taking the train to Brno this weekend to see my aunt."

Example: *Why ...? Who ...? Where ...? How long ...? How ...?*

b Take a piece of paper and:

- 1 Write four of your arrangements for this month. Exchange papers with a partner.
- 2 Write one or two questions about each of your partner's sentences. Give back the paper.
- 3 Write answers to the questions.

c Put away the paper and tell your class about your partner's arrangements. Can you remember all the information correctly?

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Language

Planning

a Complete the conversation with these words.

enough ■ too ■ about ■ going ■ good ■ looks

- Jessie: So, what are we (1) _____ to do about Marek's birthday?
- Tomasz: Well, we could arrange a big lunch in a restaurant. It could be a surprise.
- Jessie: Yeah, that sounds (2) _____. Marek would like that. Where?
- Tomasz: Look at this restaurant guide. This place (3) _____ nice.
- Jessie: Hmm. I think it's (4) _____ expensive. What about *Khan's*?
- Tomasz: Yes, that's a good idea. And what are we going to do (5) _____ invitations?
- Jessie: Well, I haven't got (6) _____ time to phone everyone ...

b Plan a party for someone in class. Decide what event, what to do and where to go.

c Explain your ideas in class. Do they like the plan?

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Language

will, be going to, be hoping to, would like to

Write the correct form of the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

- 1 What _____ to do when you leave school? (you / hope)
- 2 I think _____ buy a new car soon. (my parents / will)
- 3 _____ to have children in the future? (you / like)
- 4 On New Year's Eve many people say _____ to give up smoking. (they / go)
- 5 Who knows, maybe _____ replace smartphones soon. (tablets / will)
- 6 _____ to see Anna this afternoon? (you / go)
- 7 I hope that one day _____ be rich and famous. (I / will)
- 8 Amanda and Stuart _____ to move house next year. (go)
- 9 When _____ to move back to Poland? (Jarek / hope)
- 10 Suzi is determined that she _____ to take up skiing in the new year. (go)
- 11 Joanna said she _____ to continue with her lessons after her holiday. (like)
- 12 Do you think _____ be happy at his new school? (Peter / will)
- 13 To be honest, I _____ to share a room with anyone. (not / like)

Key

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Us

- Amazing Grace, Knock Down the House, (partly Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story by Martin Scorsese)**
John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum
The Souvenir
Rocketman
High Flying Bird
Avengers: Endgame
Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story by Martin Scorsese
An Elephant Standing Still

Booksmart

3 Language

Suggestions

b

- Suzi: So Michelle, **(1) do you have any plans for tomorrow?**
Michelle: Hm, not really. **(2) Why don't we go to Graz?**
Suzi: That **(3) sounds good. (4) We could do some shopping.**
Michelle: Hm, **(5) I don't know. (6) Let's visit the Clock Tower.**
Suzi: All right. **(7) But I need to buy a coat.**

c

- Making suggestions: **Why don't we ...? We could ... Let's ...**
Saying yes: **That sounds good.**
Saying no: **I don't know.**

4 Language

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b

He's going to finish his studies by the end of next year ... He's going to look for a job ... He's hoping to start his own business and get married ... He would like to travel around the world ...

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Language

Planning

a

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