

Unit 9: Getting together

Reading 01 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

- 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 _____

Writing 02 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.

Listening 03 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

Language 04 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.

Language 05 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.

Language 06 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.

Language 07 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!

Language 08 Comparatives

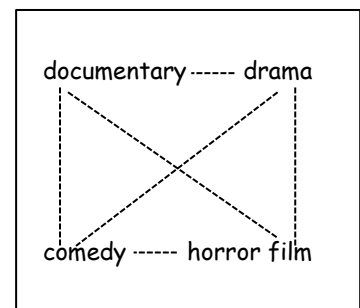
a Work in pairs. Write four different film genres in a square.

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.

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| ■ cities | ■ shops | ■ activities |
| ■ transport | ■ animals | ■ food |



Language 09 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...*

Language 10 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)

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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

Listening 03 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.**

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- 2 What's **the fastest** car?
- 3 What's **the most dangerous** way to travel?
- 4 What's **the slowest** form of transport?
- 5 What's **the busiest** shopping area?
- 6 What's **the most crowded** city you know?

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