

Littérature anglophone | American Cinema

Screening American Movies

1. **Match the descriptions** - Match the types of films with the phrases that are most likely to describe them.

A thriller - a romantic comedy - an animated film - a sci-fi film - a horror film - a costume drama

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| | An all-action movie with great stunts and a real cliffhanger of an ending that will have you on the edge of your seat |
| | Set on a star cruiser in the distant future, this film has great special effects |
| | A hilarious new film, about two unlikely lovers, which will have you laughing out loud. |
| | Based on a novel by Jane Austen, this new adaptation by William Jones has been filmed on location at Harewood House in Hampshire. |
| | A fantastic new computer-generated cartoon, featuring the voice of Eddie Murphy as the donkey. |
| | This new film will scare you to death. |

2. **Use the words below to answer the questions.**

The latest release - the soundtrack - a trailer - the credits - a multiplex - the rushes - The titles - a screen test

- a) What do you call the songs and background music to a film?
- b) What do you call a big cinema with lots of screens?
- c) What do you call the bit at the start of the film that tells you the name of the film, the actors and director? And what do you call the words on the screen at the end that tell you who played who, and who was the cameraman, set designer, etc.?
- d) Which phrase means a new film?
- e) Which word means a short film made to advertise a new film?
- f) What do you call a film before it is edited?
- g) What do you call a short scene filmed to find out if the actor is good in a particular part?

3. Compound adjectives

- Film reviews often use compound adjectives to describe films. Make compound adjectives by matching words in A with words in B.

Example: action-packed

| A | B |
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| Action • | • moving |
| Slow • | • packed |
| Spine • | • warming |
| Breath • | • fetched |
| Hard • | • taking |
| Heart • | • chilling |
| Far • | • hitting |

Now match the compound adjectives you got with their definitions.

| Compound adjectives | Definitions |
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| | Full of activity or exciting events. |
| | Difficult to believe because it is very unlikely. |
| | Strikingly or effectively forceful. |
| | A story, a book, or a film that is very frightening. |
| | 1. Inspiring or exciting. 2. Astonishing; astounding. |
| | 1. Pleasing; gratifying. 2. Emotionally moving. |
| | 1. Moving without much speed; moving very slowly 2. Taking a long time to progress. |

4. Vocabulary

When making a film, in which order do you do the things in the list? (Fill in the grid below).

Editing the film - filming - casting - releasing the film - writing the screenplay - finding locations

| Pre-production | Production | Post-production |
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