**Vocabulary for describing films/movies exercise**

**Introduction:**

Films or movies are popular all over the world. As a consequence, they are a very common topic of conversation. So it's important to know how to describe how, where, when a film was made, who the actors in a film are and what the story of the film is. In English, there is specific vocabulary which is used to do this.

In this online exercise on films/movies, we will look at the English vocabulary for describing films or movies. The focus here is on the vocabulary for talking about the different parts and roles in a film and other film related vocabulary. Most of this vocabulary can also be used for describing TV programmes or theatre plays.

**Exercise: Describing a film**

In the following text, Simon and Rebecca are talking about and giving their opinions about the film 'Saving Private Ryan'.

From the context, try to guess what the meaning of the words/phrases in **bold** are. Then do the quiz at the end to check if you are right.

**Rebecca:**'One of my favourite films is Saving Private Ryan. I know it's a war film, but I love it.'

**Simon:**'It's a classic. It's got a brilliant **cast**, there are so many excellent actors in it like Matt Damon, Vin Diesel etc... And of course, there is Tom Hanks as the **main character** Captain Miller. It's one of his best films.'

**Rebecca:**'Plus there are some very good **cameo roles**. The famous actor Ted Dansen is in the film for about 3 minutes. It's a shame that he wasn't in the film for longer. Also, do you know that although the film is **set** in France during the D-Day invasion, it was actually **filmed** in the south of England?'

**Simon:**'Yeah, I read it somewhere. I think it was one of the best films **directed** by Steven Spielberg. I love the opening **scene** when they are landing on the beach on D-Day. That scene has some of the best twenty minutes of action in the whole history of cinema for me. The **special effects** are excellent, with the explosions and the people being blown up. It looks so real.'

**Rebecca:**'It's an excellent scene, I always remember the **stunt** of the men on fire. But for me, I like the scene when the men are walking in the countryside and talking about why they have to save Private Ryan. The **dialogue** is excellent, I can imagine that I would say that if I were in a similar situation.'

**Simon:**'The film has an excellent **plot**. How they have to go and save a soldier whose 3 brothers have all died fighting and how they have to go behind enemy lines to do it.'

**Rebecca:**'I think it's a real story, although they probably changed some things. To be honest, I can't remember the film's **score**. Can you remember the music in the film?'

**Simon:**'Not really. I think there was some music with trumpets at the beginning in the graveyard. But apart from that, I only remember the Edith Piaf song at the end. But that's not part of the score. Did I tell you that when the film **came out** in 1998, I was living in Madrid? So, the first time I saw it, it was **dubbed** into Spanish. I didn't speak much Spanish then, so I didn't understand a lot. It's a shame that it didn't have **subtitles**, so I could have read the dialogue.'

**Rebecca:**'Dubbed films are strange. The voices are always very different to the original voices of the actors. Oh, by the way, have you seen the TV series Band of Brothers?'

**Simon:**'No I haven't.'

**Rebecca:**'Well, it's very similar to Saving Private Ryan. It's set during the second world war and it follows a group of American soldiers. It **stars** a lot of unknown young actors as the soldiers.'

**Simon:**'I'll have to watch the series.'

**Quiz: Vocabulary for describing films/movies**

Below is a definition or description of each of the 16 words/phrases in **bold** from the above text. Now fill in the blanks with one of these words/phrases in **bold**. Only use one word/phrase once and write it as it is written in the text. Click on the **"Check answers"** button at the bottom of the quiz to check your answers.

When the answer is correct, two icons will appear next to the question. The first is an Additional Information Icon "". Click on this for **extra information** on the word/phrase and for a **translation**. The second is a Pronunciation Icon "". Click on this to listen to the **pronunciation** of the word/phrase and to do a **pronunciation speaking test**.

When you successfully complete the quiz, you **can download a free vocabulary sheet** that explains how to use this vocabulary to talk about movies. To get the vocabulary sheet, click on the **download** button at the end of the quiz.

Αρχή φόρμας

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2. The music in a film, is called the



            

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3. A verb that is used to say which actors/actresses are in a film, is



            

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4. The most important role/character in a film, is called the



            

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5. When the voices of the actors in a film are replaced by those of other people, it is



            

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6. A verb that says where the story of a film is located/based, is



            

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7. An individual part of a film, is often called a



            

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8. When the dialogue is written on the screen, the film has



           

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9. A verb that says who the main person who made a film is, is



           

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10. A noun that means all the actors in a film, is



           

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11. A part of a film which isn't normally done by an actor because it is too dangerous, is called a



           

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12. The basic story of a film, is called the



           

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13. A verb that means when a film was first shown in the cinema, is



           

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14. A verb that is used to say where a film was actually made, is



           

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15. Computer generated images in a film, is a type of



           

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16. When famous actors/actresses are in a film for a very short time, they are called



           

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Τέλος φόρμας

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