

UNIT 3: FILMS AND PROGRAMMES

Period: 36

3H

Writing

An informal letter

I can write an informal letter.

VOCABULARY

<i>New words</i>			<i>Meaning</i>
1.	plot (n)	/plɒt/	: the series of events that form the story of a novel, play, film, etc.
2.	script (n)	/skript/	: a written text of a play, film, broadcast, talk, etc.
3.	character (n)	/'kærəktə(r)/	: a person or an animal in a book, play or film
4.	scene (n)	/si:n/	: a part of a film, play or book in which the action happens in one place or is of one particular type
5.	twist (n)	/twɪst/	: a change in the way in which sth happens
6.	worth (a)		: important
	→ be worth having/doing sth		: be important or useful to have or do
7.	noodle bar (n)	/'nu:dl̩ ,bɑ:r/	: a simple restaurant where Asian noodle dishes are served

Exercise 1:

Answer the questions below.

Questions

- What genre is it?
- Do you know this film?



- Can you name the actor?
- Would you like to see it? Why/Why not?

Answers:

- Its genres are fantasy, action, science fiction, adventure.
- Series of Marvels: The Avengers

- The actor is Robert Downey Jr.
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Exercise 2:

Read the task and the letter below. Find the parts of the letter and match elements 1-4 of the task.

You and a friend went to see a film at the cinema recently. Write a letter to another friend in which you:

- say what film you saw and who you went with.
- give your personal opinion of the film.
- mention what you did after the film.
- invite your friend to do an activity with you soon.

Answer:

1. say what film you saw and who you went with.

2. give personal information of the film.

3. mention what you did after the film.

4. invite your friend to do an activity with you soon.

Dear Jake,
Thanks for your letter and sorry I didn't reply sooner.
I went to see a great film at the cinema last weekend – Iron Man 3.
I went with my friend Paddy because he loves the Iron Man films. It isn't a new film, but it was definitely worth seeing again. The special effects are amazing and it also has a clever plot with lots of twists. There are some funny lines in the script too.
After the film, we met some other friends at a noodle bar in town. It was fun, but I didn't really like the food. It was very spicy!
Do you fancy going to the cinema next week? They're having a season of action films, including all the Batman series. Let me know and I'll book the tickets!
Anyway, I'd better go now. Ring me and let me know about the cinema.
Love,
Andy

Exercise 3:

Look at the part of the letter where Andy mentions his personal opinion and read the aspects of the film below. Which one does he mention?

Aspects of film:

acting	character
script	soundtrack
ending	plot
scenes	special effects

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Answer:

→ Special effect
→ Script
→ Plot

Exercise 4:

Read the Writing Strategy. Then answer the questions.

Writing Strategy

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- Use contractions (*it's, there's, etc.*).
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Questions:

- 1 What phrase(s) does Andy include in his introduction?
- 2 How many paragraphs does he write?
- 3 Does he use any very formal language?
- 4 What contractions does he use?
- 5 What phrase(s) does Andy include in the final paragraph?

Answer:

1. Thanks for your letter; Sorry I didn't reply sooner.
2. five
3. no
4. didn't, isn't, They're
5. I'd better go now.

Further information of question 2

Paragraph 1	I went to see a great film at the cinema last weekend – Iron Man 3.
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Paragraph 5	Anyway, I'd better go now. Ring me and let me know about the cinema.

Exercise 5:

Read the Learn this! box and complete it the the phrase Andy uses for making his invitation.

LEARN THIS! Invitations

Would you like + infinitive?

Why don't you / we + infinitive without to?

How about + -ing form?

_____ + -ing form?

→ **Do you fancy** + -ing form?

More activity:

Practice making invitations in pairs using the pictures a-e and the phrases in exercise 5.

Suggested answer:

a.



Listen to music

- Do you fancy listening to music?



- Do you fancy watching TV?

b.

Watch Tv
Play Video Games



- Why don't we play video games?

c.



- Would you like to go to the movies with me?

- How about going to the movies?

d.

Go to the movies



- Do you fancy dancing?

e.

Dance

Exercise 6:

Plan your letter using the prompts below and your own ideas.

- 1 Title of film, who you went with
- 2 Your opinion
- 3 Later activity
- 4 A suggestion to do something

Use phrases from exercise 4 and your ideas from exercise 5 to help you.

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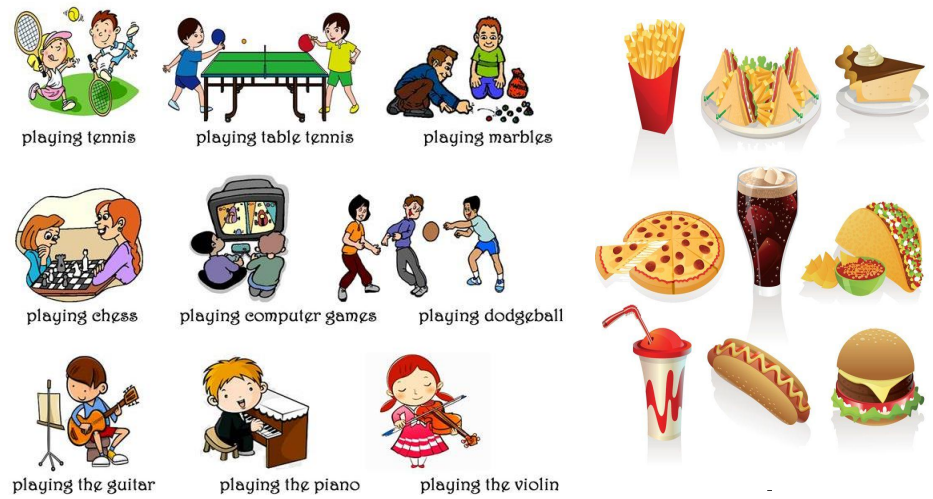
Prompts:

1. Title film, who you went with
(choose one film beside)



2. Your opinion - Do you like it? What you think about the plot, scripts, special effects...?

3. Later activity



4. A suggestion to do something

- Practice making invitations using “*Do you fancy + -ing?*”

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