

## THE MOVIES — TRANSCRIPT AND NOTES

### DIALOGUE

**MAN:** What shall we do<sup>1</sup> this weekend?

**WOMAN:** I don't know. What would you like to do?

**MAN:** Why don't we<sup>2</sup> go to the pictures<sup>3</sup>?

**WOMAN:** That's a good idea. We haven't been<sup>4</sup> to the cinema for ages<sup>5</sup>. What's on<sup>6</sup>?

**MAN:** Well, we could<sup>7</sup> go and see the latest Bond movie.

**WOMAN:** You know I hate action movies. I'd rather<sup>8</sup> go and see that new romcom<sup>9</sup> with Hugh Grant.

**MAN:** I can't stand<sup>10</sup> Hugh Grant. He's a terrible actor.

**WOMAN:** Well, it's either that or a three-hour<sup>11</sup> French drama with subtitles.

**MAN:** Let's<sup>12</sup> just stay home and watch a DVD instead. We can order a pizza!

### LISTENING

I really enjoy<sup>13</sup> going to the pictures with my friends most weekends. I usually check the film listings in the newspaper or online to see what's showing. I also read the film reviews because I don't want to see a bad film, especially as it's so expensive nowadays.

I prefer to arrive early at the cinema so we don't have to queue<sup>14</sup> too long to buy tickets. Sometimes, the film we want to see<sup>15</sup> is sold out<sup>16</sup>, so we might buy a ticket for a later showing.

I usually sit in an aisle<sup>17</sup> seat somewhere in the middle of the cinema. I think you can see the film better, instead of straining your eyes if you are unfortunate enough<sup>18</sup> to sit in the front few rows.

One thing I don't like is when people in the audience talk during the movie, or check their mobile phones. That really annoys me. Everyone should be able to<sup>19</sup> enjoy the film in peace.

My favourite films are Hollywood blockbusters<sup>20</sup>. I love the Avengers series and can't wait to see the new Star Wars movie. On the other hand, I try to avoid going<sup>21</sup> to see old black and white foreign films with subtitles. They can be really boring<sup>22</sup>!

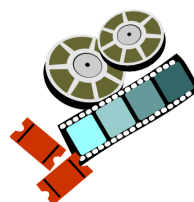
### QUESTIONS

- When did you last go to the cinema, and what did you see?
- Who did you go with?
- What sort of movies do you like best?
- What's your favourite movie and why?
- What do you think about 3D movies?



## LANGUAGE NOTES

1. Note the difference between 'What shall we do ...', which is used to ask for suggestions, and 'What will we do ...', which is used to ask for information: 'What will we do this weekend?' (= what are we going to do).
2. **Why don't we ...** is a fixed expression used for making suggestions: *Why don't we/you ask Peter?*
3. In Britain people talk about going to **the pictures**; in America, they say 'the movies'.
4. Note the construction here: present perfect + for + duration. You could also say 'It's ages since we went to the cinema' (using the past simple tense).
5. **Ages** means 'a long time': *I spent ages looking for my keys.*
6. **What's on** (at the cinema or on TV) means 'What films (or programmes) are they showing?'
7. **We could ...** is another expression used to make a suggestion: *We could go to France this summer.*
8. **I'd rather** is a contraction of 'I would rather', and means 'I would prefer to'. Note that 'I'd rather' is followed by the infinitive without 'to': *I'd rather not talk about it.*
9. **Romcom** is an abbreviation of 'romantic comedy', the type of film that British actor Hugh Grant often appears in.
10. If you **can't stand** someone or something, you really don't like them. You can also use a gerund: *I can't stand watching reality shows on TV.*
11. Note that we say a **three-hour drama** and not a ~~three-hours drama~~. The rule is that when a number and a noun form a modifier before a noun (as in 'six-storey building'), you make the noun singular and hyphenate the expression. Examples: *two-week holiday, fifteen-month-old baby, ten-ton truck*, etc.
12. **Let's** (short for 'let us') + infinitive without 'to' is the third expression for making a suggestion in this dialogue: *Let's have a party!*
13. Note that the verb **to enjoy** is followed by a gerund and never by an infinitive: 'I enjoy swimming' but not 'I enjoy to swim'.
14. The Americans say 'wait in line': *We had to wait in line for two hours to get the tickets.* Note that 'queue' is pronounced just like the letter 'Q', and can also be a noun: *The queue was incredibly long.*
15. You could say 'the film **that** we want to see' but the relative pronoun 'that' is often omitted in everyday speech.
16. If something is **sold out**, there are none left to buy. Strictly speaking, it's the tickets that are sold out.
17. **Aisle** is pronounced like 'Ill' (=I will). You also find aisles in supermarkets and planes.
18. Note that **enough** always comes after the noun: 'It's not big enough', not 'It's not enough big'.
19. The modal verb 'can' does not have an infinitive form so we use **be able to** instead.
20. A **blockbuster** is a Hollywood movie that's made with a large budget and big stars. The original meaning was a very large high-explosive bomb!
21. Note that we use a gerund after the verb 'to avoid': *Please avoid using (not 'to-use') slang in your essays.*
22. Adjectives that end '-ed' (e.g. 'bored', 'interested') and adjectives that end '-ing' (e.g. 'boring', 'interesting') are often confused. Adjectives that end in '-ed' tell us how people feel about something: *I was very bored in the maths lesson. I almost fell asleep.* Adjectives that end in '-ing' describe the thing that causes the emotion: *A boring lesson makes you feel bored.*

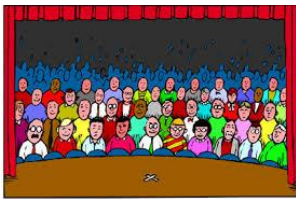


# THE MOVIES — WORKSHEET

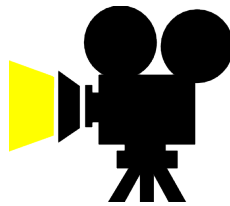
## A. MATCH THE WORDS WITH THE PICTURES

actor   popcorn   queue   director   ticket   seat  
 cinema   Oscars   aisle   projector   audience   screen

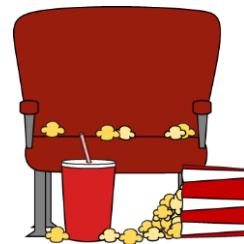
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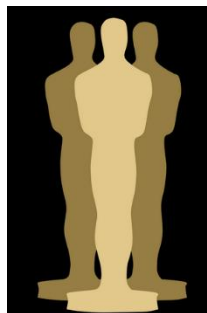
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## B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

I really enjoy (1) *to go/going* to the pictures with my friends (2) *most/mostly* weekends. I usually check the film listings in the newspaper or online to see what's (3) *shown/showing*. I also read the film reviews because I don't want to see a bad film, especially as it's (4) *so/such* expensive nowadays.

I prefer to arrive (5) *early/soon* at the cinema so we don't have to queue (6) *too/to* long to buy tickets. Sometimes, the film we want to see is sold (7) *up/out*, so we might buy a ticket for a (8) *later/latest* showing.

I usually sit in an aisle seat somewhere in the middle of the cinema. I think you can see the film (9) *best/better*, instead of straining your eyes if you are (10) *unfortunate/unfortunately* enough to sit in the front few rows.

One thing I don't like is when people in the audience (11) *talk/discuss* during the movie, or check their mobile phones. That really annoys me. Everyone (12) *could/should* be able to enjoy the film in peace.

My favourite films are Hollywood blockbusters. I love the Avengers series and (13) *don't/can't* wait to see the new Star Wars movie. On (14) *another/the other* hand, I try to avoid (15) *going/to go* to see old black and white foreign films with subtitles. They can be really (16) *boring/bored*!

## ANSWER KEY

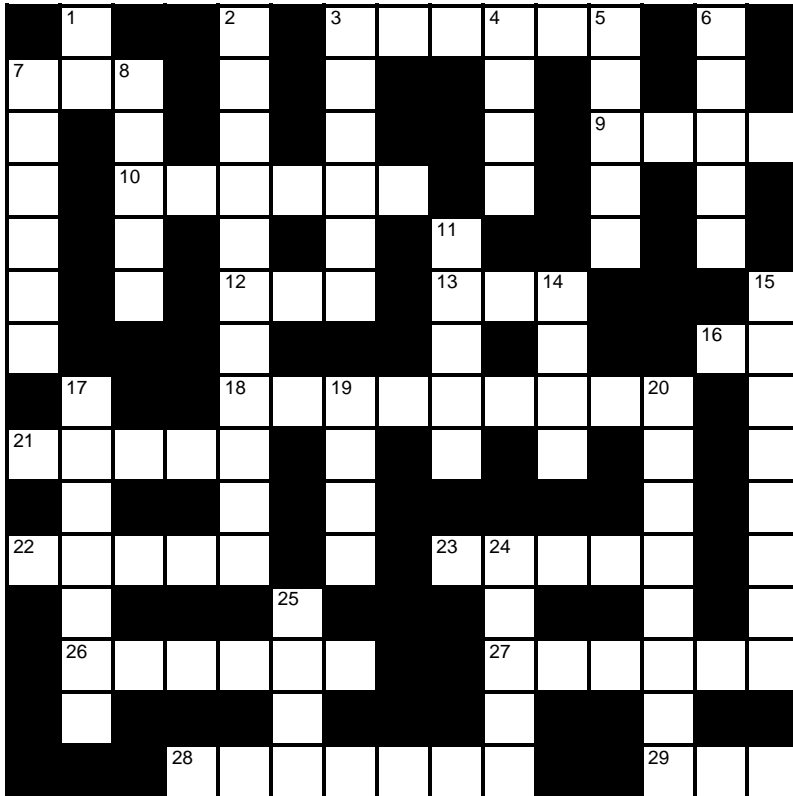
### A. MATCH THE WORDS AND PICTURES

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| 1. audience  | 7. screen   |
| 2. projector | 8. popcorn  |
| 3. seat      | 9. director |
| 4. actor     | 10. cinema  |
| 5. aisle     | 11. Oscars  |
| 6. ticket    | 12. queue   |

### B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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|------------|-----------------|
| 1. going   | 9. better       |
| 2. most    | 10. unfortunate |
| 3. showing | 11. talk        |
| 4. so      | 12. should      |
| 5. early   | 13. can't       |
| 6. to      | 14. the other   |
| 7. out     | 15. going       |
| 8. later   | 16. boring      |

THE MOVIES — CROSSWORD



Web Version

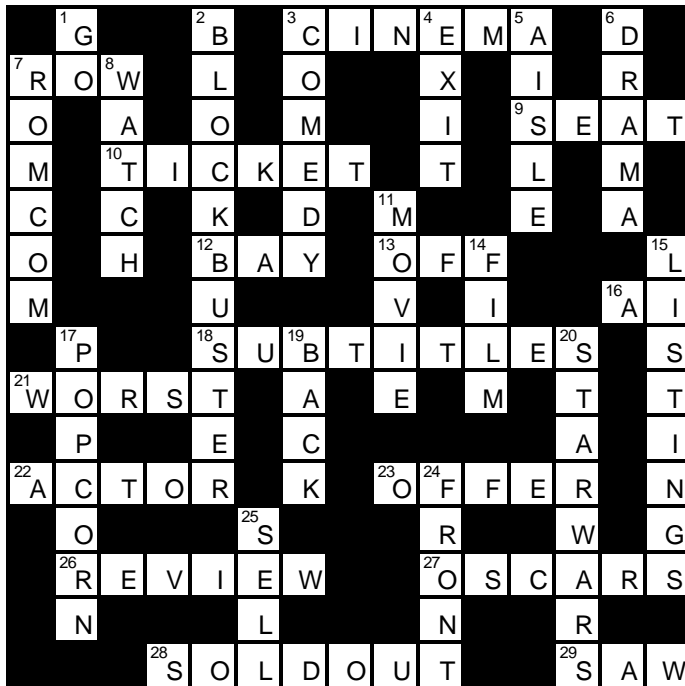
Across

- 3 Americans say movie theater, the British say \_\_\_\_ (6)
- 7 A line of seats (3)
- 9 What you sit on (4)
- 10 You need one to get in (6)
- 12 The Transformers movies are directed by Michael \_\_\_\_ (3)
- 13 I wish people would switch \_\_\_\_ their mobile phones at the cinema (3)
- 16 Spielberg sci-fi movie (2)
- 18 Translation at the bottom of the screen (9)

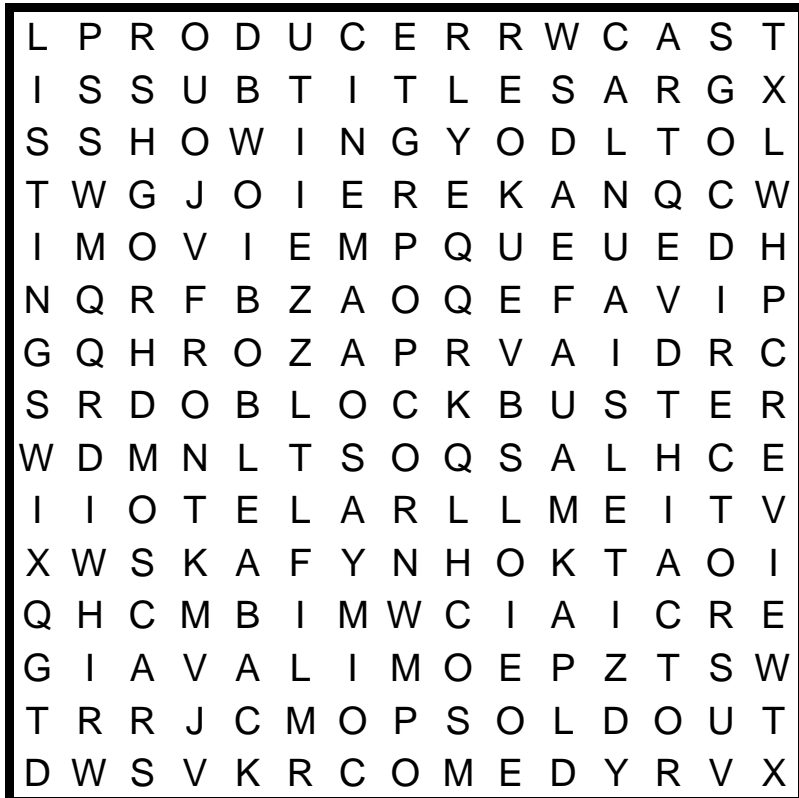
Down

- 21 That's the \_\_\_\_ I've ever seen (5)
- 22 Person who acts in movies (5)
- 23 Our local cinema has a two-for-one \_\_\_\_ on Wednesdays (5)
- 26 The film got a very good \_\_\_\_ in The Guardian (6)
- 27 American movie awards (6)
- 28 No seats left (4,3)
- 29 I \_\_\_\_ three movies last week (3)
- 1 How often do you \_\_\_\_ to the movies? (2)
- 2 Popular, big budget movie (11)
- 3 Funny film (6)
- 4 Way out (4)
- 5 Passage between rows of seats (5)
- 6 Serious film (5)
- 7 Romantic comedy (6)
- 8 Let's \_\_\_\_ a movie on DVD (5)
- 11 Scary \_\_\_\_ (5)
- 14 Alfred Hitchcock was a British \_\_\_\_ director (4)
- 15 They show what movies are playing (8)
- 17 People like to eat this during a movie (7)
- 19 \_\_\_\_ to the Future (4)
- 20 Space fantasy franchise (4,4)
- 24 I hate sitting in the \_\_\_\_ row (5)
- 25 Most cinemas \_\_\_\_ tickets online these days (4)

# SOLUTION



## THE MOVIES — WORD SEARCH



Web Version

Actor

Aisle

Back

Blockbuster

Cast

Cinema

Comedy

Director

Drama

Film

Front

Hollywood

Listings

Movie

Oscars

Popcorn

Producer

Queue

Review

Romcom

Row

Screen

Seat

Showing

Sold out

Subtitles

Ticket

Watch

**SOLUTION**

