

Film Review.

1. Generating ideas

- a) Think about a film you have seen recently. Talk with a partner.
 - What was it about?
 - Would you recommend the film? Why? / Why not?
- b) Read the review of *Lost in Translation*, which appeared in an entertainments magazine. Give three facts about the film.

Directed by Sofia Coppola, *Lost in Translation* is an unusual romantic comedy. It stars Bill Murray as Bob, a bored, middle-aged actor, and Scarlett Johansson as Charlotte, a young philosophy graduate who is unhappily married to a photographer. Set in Tokyo, the film tells the story of the two Americans who meet one night in the bar of their hotel. During the film, they become close friends.

What I liked about this film is that it is about the characters, not about action or events. It looks at how people communicate and how they can change each other. Not much happens, but that doesn't matter. It's clever, funny and well acted. If you like '**feel good movies**', I can highly recommend this one *feel good movies* films which make people feel happy

2. Expressing opinions

- a) Underline words and phrases in the review which express the writer's opinions.

Example unusual

- b) What did the writer like about the film?

3. Describing a film

- a) Use these adjectives to describe films or TV programmes that you have seen. Use a dictionary for new words.

moving unusual sad clever amusing fascinating
boring well acted powerful funny exciting frightening

- b) Complete these sentences with information about *Lost in Translation*.

1. The film is called ... (title)
2. It is a ... (type)

3. It is directed by ... (director's name)
4. It stars... (actors' names)
5. It is set in ... (location)
6. It is about... (story)
7. It's... (description using adjectives)
8. If you like ... (recommendation)

Complete as many sentences as you can with information about a different film.

4. Connecting ideas in longer sentences

- a) What information from exercise 3a is connected in sentences 1 and 2?

1. Directed by Sofia Coppola, ***Lost in Translation*** is an unusual romantic comedy.

2 Set in Tokyo, the film tells the story of the two Americans who meet one night in the bar of their hotel.

- b) What is the subject and main verb in the sentences?

c) Rewrite your sentences in exercise 3b to connect information about the film you saw.

Directed by (name), (title) is (type).

Set in (location), the film is about (story).

Starring (names), the film is (description).

Writing task

- a) Write a review of a film you have seen recently for your class magazine.
- b) Read other people's reviews.

Letter of enquiry

1. Generating ideas

- a) Read about Westmore College. Choose one course for yourself and one for your partner and compare.
- b) Work in pairs. What do you need to know before booking a course? Write five questions.

Example How much does a short course in sculpture cost?

- c) Read Ann's letter to Westmore College. Does she ask any of your questions?

2. Organizing ideas

a) Put the following sections of Ann's letter in the correct order.

reason for writing finishing a letter

request for information greeting

request for a response

request for something to be sent

b) Underline the phrases in Ann's letter for the above functions.

3. Asking for information politely

a) How do these questions change when they begin with the polite phrases? Find the differences between **a** and **b**.

1.	<i>a How much does a short course in sculpture cost?</i>	<i>b Please could you tell me how much a short course in sculpture costs?</i>
2.	<i>a Are there courses every week in the summer?</i>	<i>b Please could you tell me if there are courses every week in the summer?</i>
3.	<i>a What does the course cover?</i>	<i>b I would like to know what the course covers.</i>
4.	<i>a Do all the rooms include a private bathroom?</i>	<i>b I would also like to know if all the rooms include a private bathroom.</i>

Don't begin every question in a formal letter with a polite phrase, because it will sound unnatural. Look at the different questions in Ann's letter.

Make these questions more polite.

- 1 When is your next film-making course?
- 2 What does the music course cover?
- 3 Is the gym open all the time?
- 4 Is it possible to hire equipment for the rock-climbing course?
- 5 Will I get a certificate for doing the computer-programming course?

Writing task

Write a letter to Westmore College asking for more information about a course. Ask your five questions in **exercise 1b**.

Westmore College is set in beautiful gardens and offers 52 comfortably furnished bedrooms in the main house. There is a licensed bar, a gym, two all-weather tennis courts, an ice rink and in the summer a heated outdoor swimming pool. If you are lookingfor the perfect present, consider purchasing Westmore College Gift Vouchers.

SHORT COURSES

art

computer

programming& design

creative writing

metalworking

music

photography

rock climbing

filmmaking

ice skating &ice hockey

sculpture

tennis

Dear Ms Bradford,

I am writing to enquire about one of your short courses.

Please could you tell me how much a short course in sculpture costs and if there are courses every week in the summer? I have not done any sculpture before. Is the course suitable for beginners? I would like to know what it covers. I would also like to know if all the rooms include a private bathroom. Are meals included in the cost of a course? I would be grateful if you could send me more information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Macready

