

## TOPIC 12: FILMS

### Speaking Part 1

#### Frequently-Asked Questions

- ✓ Do you like to watch films?
- ✓ What kinds of movies do you like best?
- ✓ Do you prefer foreign films or films made in your country?
- ✓ How often do you go to a cinema to watch a movie?
- ✓ Do people in your country like to go to a cinema to watch a film?
- ✓ Do you like to watch movies alone or with your friends?

#### Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
unwind	/ʌn'waɪnd/	to relax and allow your mind to be free from worry (thư giãn)
a kid at heart		a person who still feels like a child in their heart (tâm hồn trẻ con)
innocent	/'ɪn.ə.sənt/	having little experience of the world (hồ nhiên, vô tư)
historical	/hɪ'stɒr.ɪ.kəl/	connected with studying or representing things from the past (có liên quan tới quá khứ)

import	/ɪmˈpɔ:t/	to introduce new goods, customs, or ideas to one country from another (nhập khẩu)
domestically	/dəˈmes.tɪ.kəl.i/	inside a particular country rather than in other countries (trong nước)
exposure	/ɪkˈspəʊ.ʒər/	the fact of experiencing something (sự tiếp xúc)
norm	/nɔ:m/	an accepted standard or a way of behaving or doing things that most people agree with (tập tục, lề thói)
broaden one's horizon		to increase the range of things that someone knows about or has experienced (mở mang kiến thức)
opt for sth/ opt to do sth	/ɒpt/	to make a choice, especially of one thing or possibility instead of others (lựa chọn)
blockbuster	/ˈblɒkˌbʌs.tər/	a book or film that is very successful (phim bom tấn)
packed	/pækt/	completely full, crowded (đông đúc)
lively	/ˈlaɪv.li/	full of energy and enthusiasm; interesting and exciting (sống động)
spectacular	/spekˈtæk.jə.lər/	very exciting to look at (đẹp ngoạn mục)
special effects	/ˈspeʃ.əl ɪˈfekts/	artificial images, esp. in a film, that appear real but are created by artists and technical experts (hiệu ứng đặc biệt)
appeal	/əˈpi:l/	the quality in someone or something that makes him, her, or it attractive or interesting (sức hút)

**Useful sentence structure**

- ✓ I'm much more into + (a kind of films) rather than (a kind of films).

Ex: I'm much more into horror films rather than historical ones.

- ✓ The reason why so many people in my country like to go to a cinema to watch a film is that + clause of reason.

Ex: The reason why so many people in my country like to go to a cinema to watch a film is that ticket prices are quite reasonable.

- ✓ Watching movies is a good way to + (verb phrase).

Ex: Watching movies is a good way to relax after a day at work.

- ✓ (A kind of film) has a wide appeal.

Ex: Spielberg's movies have a wide appeal.

**PRACTICE**

**Q1: Do you like to watch films?**

Suggestions

- ✓ good way to unwind
- ✓ experience how others live

**Q1: Do you like to watch films? (Sample)**

Absolutely! It's an excellent way to unwind. Moreover, my friends are really into films, so it's quite fun and relaxing to spend time together. Watching movies also gives us an opportunity to experience how others live. It's kind of temporarily putting oneself into another world.

**Q2: What kinds of movies do you like best?**

Suggestions

- ✓ a kid at heart → enjoy watching kids' movies

- ✓ simple + innocent
- ✓ conveys important messages

**Q2: What kinds of movies do you like best? (Sample)**

Well, I would say I'm still a kid at heart, so I really enjoy watching kids' movies. Although they seem simple and innocent, these films still make an effort to convey important messages to the audience.

**Q3: Do you prefer foreign films or films made in your country?**

Suggestions

- ✓ imported films rather than domestically produced ones
- ✓ cultural exposure → broaden our horizon

**Q3: Do you prefer foreign films or films made in your country? (Sample)**

I'm much more into imported films rather than domestically produced ones because of a thing called "cultural exposure". People in different countries have different cultural norms and ideas that come across in their film-making. To me, that's important for broadening our horizon.

**Q4: How often do you go to a cinema to watch a movie?**

Suggestions

- ✓ not too often: high prices → watch at home
- ✓ blockbuster → go to see with friends

**Q4: How often do you go to a cinema to watch a movie? (Sample)**

Not too often actually. As the prices in my country are quite high, I usually opt to watch a movie at home instead to save on costs. However, if there's a blockbuster, I will definitely go to see with my friends.

**Q5: Do people in your country like to go to a cinema to watch a film?**

Suggestions

- ✓ movie theatres → important part in people's lives
- ✓ blockbuster → cinemas: packed
- ✓ special effects + lively sound → a wide appeal

**Q5: Do people in your country like to go to a cinema to watch a film? (Sample)**

I would say yes. I can see that movie theatres have become an important part in Vietnamese people's lives and cinemas are often packed out when blockbusters are released. The reason why people like to go to a cinema to watch films is that they can enjoy lively sound and images on the big screen and spectacular special effects always have a wide appeal to audiences.

**Speaking Part 2**

**Cue card**

Describe a film/movie you would like to share with your friends

You should say

what it is

where you watched it

who you watched it with

and why you want to share it with your friend

**Vocabulary**

Word	IPA	Definition
comedy	/ˈkɒm.ə.di/	a (type of) film, play, or book that is intentionally funny either in its characters or its action (hài kịch)
thriller	/ˈθrɪl.ər/	a book, play, or film that has an exciting story, often about solving a crime (phim giết gân, ly kỳ)

widespread	/ˌwaɪdˈspred/	existing or happening in many places (rộng khắp)
critical	/ˈkrɪtɪkl/	giving opinions or judgments on books, plays, films, etc. (đánh giá, phê bình)
acclaim	/əˈkleɪm/	public approval and praise (sự khen ngợi)
premiere	/ˈpremiə(r)/	to perform a play or piece of music or show a film to an audience for the first time (công chiếu lần đầu)
fascinated	/ˈfæs.ə.n.eɪtɪd/	extremely interested (yêu thích, đam mê)
trailer	/ˈtreɪlə(r)/	a series of short scenes from a film or television programme, shown in advance to advertise it (đoạn phim quảng cáo)
rewarding	/rɪˈwɔːdɪŋ/	worth doing (đáng giá, đáng làm)
immense	/ɪˈmens/	extremely large in size or degree (to lớn)
twisting plot	/ˈtwɪs.tɪŋ plɒt/	the story of a book, film, play with a lot of turns or changes of direction (kịch bản phim nhiều tình tiết không ngờ tới)
extraordinary	/ɪkˈstrɔː.dɪ.n.ər.i/	very unusual, special, unexpected, or strange (lạ lẫm, đặc biệt)
gripping	/ˈɡrɪp.ɪŋ/	interesting or exciting (thú vị)
unforgettable	/ˌʌn.fəˈget.ə.bəl/	having such a strong effect or influence on you that you cannot forget it (khó quên, khó phai mờ)

## PRACTICE

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### Sample

The film that I would love to share with my friends is Parasite, a South Korean comedy thriller film directed by Bong Joon-ho. It received widespread critical acclaim and won the Palme d'Or at the 2019 Cannes Film Festival, becoming the first Korean film to receive the award.

I watched this movie in the cinema theatre on the day it was premiered, because I was totally fascinated by the mysterious trailer and the unique name of the movie. The cinema experience was also rewarding, with a huge screen, the super sound-system, the darkened atmosphere, and diverse audience reaction. It was my sister who told me about this movie, so I watched it with her. We share an immense love for movies with exotic themes and twisting plots, as these arouse our curiosity.

The film brought extraordinary feelings since it was just beyond my expectation. "Parasite" was so gripping that it left an unforgettable impression on me. It's worth a try I have to say that!

### Speaking Part 3

#### Frequently-asked questions

- ✓ Are drama series popular in your country? Why?
- ✓ What is the difference between young people and old people's favorite TV drama? Why?
- ✓ Do you think TV dramas reflect what happens in the reality of society?
- ✓ Do you think people will change their preference of TV dramas when getting older?
- ✓ What is the influence of foreign show on people in your country?

## Vocabulary

Word	IPA	Definition
taste	/teɪst/	a person's approval of and liking for particular things (sự ưa thích, thị hiếu)
excitement	/ɪk'saɪt.mənt/	a feeling of being excited, or an exciting event (sự phấn khích)
supernatural	/ˌsuː.pə'nætʃ.ər.əl/	caused by forces that cannot be explained by science (siêu nhiên)
science fiction	/ˌsaɪəns 'fɪk.ʃən/	books, films, or cartoons about an imagined future (khoa học viễn tưởng)
visual effect	/ˈvɪʒ.u.əl ɪ'fekt/	a special effect that is added to a film or video in post-production (hiệu ứng hình ảnh)
family-friendly	/ˌfæm.əl.i'frend.li/	suitable for or aimed at families with children (phù hợp cho gia đình)
inspire	/ɪn'spaɪər/	to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it (truyền cảm hứng)
real life	/ˌrɪəl 'laɪf/	what happens in human situations rather than in a story, film, etc (thực tế)
base sth on sth	/beɪs/	to use particular ideas or facts to make a decision, do a calculation, or develop a theory (dựa trên thứ gì)
depict	/dɪ'pɪkt/	to represent or show something in a picture or story (miêu tả, thể hiện)



compelling	/kəm'pel.ɪŋ/	very exciting and interesting and making you want to watch or listen (thú vị, thuyết phục)
strict	/strikt/	limiting people's freedom to behave as they wish beyond what is usual (khắt khe)
broadcast	/'brɔ:d.kɑ:st/	to send out a programme on television or radio (phát sóng)
familiarize	/fə'mil.jə'raɪz/	to learn about something (trở nên quen thuộc với thứ gì)
tolerance	/'tɒl.ər.əns/	willingness to accept behaviour and beliefs that are different from your own (sự chấp nhận)

## PRACTICE

**Q1: What is the difference between young people and old people's favorite TV drama? (Sample)**

Youngsters and older people may have some different taste in TV drama, but not by much, I believe. Young adults are more into movies with lots of excitement or supernatural factors such as science-fiction, thriller, superhero or comedy. Meanwhile, older generations tend to value shows that have certain meanings or messages rather than visual effects themselves. Family-friendly dramas or sit-coms are some of their favorites. However, there are also exceptions.

**Q2. Do you think TV dramas reflect what happens in the reality of society? (Sample)**

As far as I am concerned, many TV series have been inspired from real-life materials, which proves to be an endless source for writers and movie makers. They are sometimes based on actual events and added some fictional factors for more excitement. Lots of social aspects have been depicted on screen like political issues, crimes, violence and so on. Therefore, these shows somehow reflect current situations in reality.

**Q3. What is the influence of foreign show on people in your country? (Sample)**

It's quite true that whatever people watch will have some certain effects on them, which is why government has strict control over all the programs currently broadcasting, especially foreign ones. Due to significant differences in lifestyle and the way of thinking, national viewers might find it strange at first, however, constant exposure to international programs will get them familiarize with foreign practice, building cultural tolerance and understanding.

**HOMEWORK**

**Answer the following questions**

Q1: Are action films popular in your country?

Q2: Do you think soap opera will have bad influence on children?

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