

19 . Film and book reviews

1 . The suspense builds up

A pleasant excitement as to a decision or outcome

- As the suspense builds up , Larry sets off to go to Alaska in search of his father .

2 . A chain / series of events

Multiple events that follow one another

- The main character sets off an amazing chain of events .

3 . Startling originality

Surprising creativity

- It's an incredibly gripping film and its direction shows startling originality .

4 . Bold experiment

A risky experiment

- That was a bold experiment to cast Jenni Adams as a woman twice her age .

5 . A consummate professional

(formal) complete professional

- Jenni is an accomplished actor and consummate professional .

6 . Star -studded cast

To stud is to decorate or mark conspicuously at intervals

e.g . “ The sky was studded with stars .”

- The star - studded cast couldn't save the movie from a dismal failure and low reviews .

7 . To give dazzling display of..

To dazzle is

1. to lose vision from looking at something super bright
2. to shine brilliantly
3. to arouse admiration by an impressive display

- The trio of actors gave a dazzling display of their talents .

8 . To give glowing reviews

Very positive reviews

- The New York Times gave the show glowing reviews and not without good reason .

9 . To cast [actor] in the role of [character]

- To cast an actor as
- Whoever decided to cast Jenni Adams in the role of the disappearing grandma must have been out of their mind .

10 . To bear the suspense

To take easy the suspense in movies

- *Screech of the Vampire* is highly recommended if you can bear the suspense .

11 . An unmitigated disaster

A total disaster

- The movie turned out to be an unmitigated disaster , strongly influenced by the very worst kind of Hollywood sentimentality .

12 . All - star cast

A cast that mostly consists of famous actors

- Despite of the all-star cast , the movie didn't really hold my attention .

13 . A lasting impression on ..

A permanent impression

- The book , *The Dark Tower* , which I first read in my 20s , made a lasting impression on me .

14 . To fire someone's imagination

To evoke someone's imagination

- That book fired my imagination more than any other book has ever done .

15 . To create / evoke the atmosphere of ..

To make or bring about the atmosphere of ...

- However , the movie simply failed to create the atmosphere of New York in the 1930s .
- The movie evokes the atmosphere of the Lovecraftian *universe of madness* .

16 . To awaken someone's interest in ..

To arouse someone's interest

- This story awakened my interest in the Mormons and their faith .

17 . A considerable reputation / well - deserved reputation

NOT high reputation

- Mark Gong has a considerable reputation as a brilliant producer .
- *The restaurant for the mind* has a well - deserved reputation as the best dinning spot in Manhattan .