

## **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 .