

COMMUNICATION

Finding the right film or TV series to watch

LEVEL

Intermediate (B1)

NUMBER

EN_B1_1063X

LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can identify which types of film or TV series I enjoy watching.
- I can describe and recommend a film or TV series to a friend.



Warm-up

Read these four reasons why people like to watch a film or series. Which one do you agree with the most?



I want to have fun when I watch something.

I like to watch things that make me think about my own life.

I want to learn about new things.

I want to feel like I'm in a different world.

Please tell me you're kidding

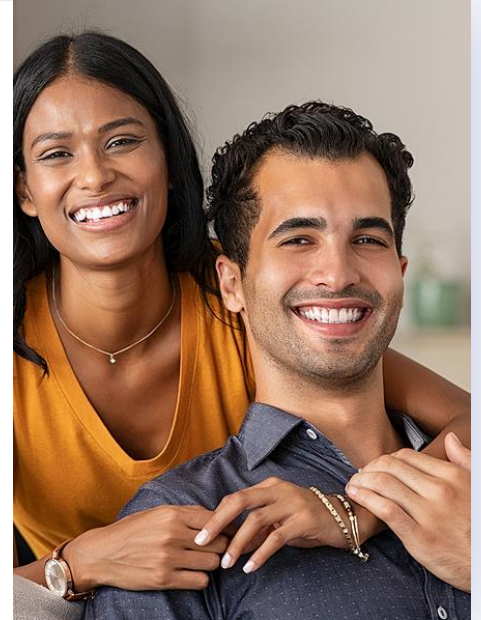
Lisa and Aaron are on their first date. In the beginning, things are going really well, but then something happens. **Read a part of their conversation** and **answer the questions** below.

Lisa: So, what else should I know about you? Any weird hobbies or interests?

Aaron: Don't worry, I'm quite boring in that respect. When I get home, I usually just throw myself onto the couch, switch on the TV, and start binge watching a reality show.

Lisa: A reality show? Please tell me you're kidding.

Aaron: What?! Reality shows are the best! They're so entertaining. I always feel better about my own life when I watch some trash TV.



1. What are Lisa and Aaron talking about?
2. What does Aaron like to do when he gets home from work?

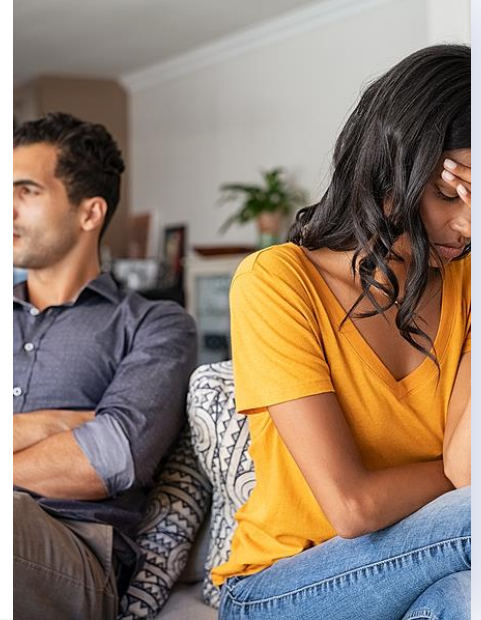
Please tell me you're kidding

Read the second part of Lisa and Aaron's conversation and answer the questions below.

Lisa: Well, I guess everyone watches TV for a different reason. I personally prefer watching animal documentaries or a good sitcom, depending on my mood. I either want to learn something new, or I just want some entertainment.

Aaron: But don't you want to just completely switch off and chill sometimes? After a long day at work, the last thing I want to do is learn something new. Seriously, you should check out an episode of *Sitting in with the Smiths*! It's so much fun.

Lisa: Hmm. Let's just agree to disagree, okay?



3. What are Lisa's reasons for watching TV?
4. Why does Lisa say that she and Aaron *should just agree to disagree*?
5. What does Aaron mean when he says *completely switch off*?



I'm **binge watching**
that show
at the moment.

You should **check
out** that show.

I love watching
trash TV.



How often does the
speaker watch the
show?

What's another way of
saying this?

Is this a positive or
negative description?



Reasons for watching

**What films or series
have you binge-
watched?**



**What do you like to
watch when you want
to completely switch
off? Why?**

Lisa and Aaron make recommendations

Read the recommendations Lisa and Aaron make and **complete the statements** in the blue box below.



Aaron

Sitting in with the Smiths is a lot of fun. **You should check it out!**



Lisa

The sitcom made me laugh so much. **I'm sure you would enjoy it, too!**

- A recommendation usually consists of **two parts**.

We **describe...**

We **tell the other person to...**

Part 1: Giving your opinion

Aaron and Lisa continue talking about the movies and TV series they like. **Read their sentences** and **answer the questions** in the blue box below.



That movie is so good! It made me laugh so much!



I really liked that show. It's one of the best shows I've ever watched.

- Look at the examples above. What do they have in common?
- Making a recommendation often means sharing your own _____ about a topic first. By describing something we liked, we are giving an indirect recommendation.



Part 2: Call to action

Take a look at Aaron and Lisa's sentences and complete the blue box below.



You should definitely watch that movie!



You must check out that show!

- Look at the examples above. What do they have in common?
- Making a direct recommendation means telling someone else that they should do something because they would like it.
- To make a direct recommendation, we can use the _____ verbs *must*, *should*, or *would*.



Categorise

Categorise the recommendations below. Do they give an opinion (*indirect recommendation*), or are they a call to action (*direct recommendation*)?

I really liked that show.

You must watch that movie.

You should definitely watch that movie.

That's one of the best shows ever!

I would really recommend that show.

That movie is absolutely amazing!

I simply love that movie.

That show is so funny!

That show is a must-see!

That show inspires me so much.

Giving your opinion

Call to action



Make a recommendation

Create sentences to make a recommendation. Use the modal verbs *should*, *must* or *would*.

1 great – movie – you – check out

> That's a great movie! You should check it out!

2 lovely – show – you – watch

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3 I – recommend – show – really good

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4 interesting movie – you – like

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5 Entertaining series – you – enjoy

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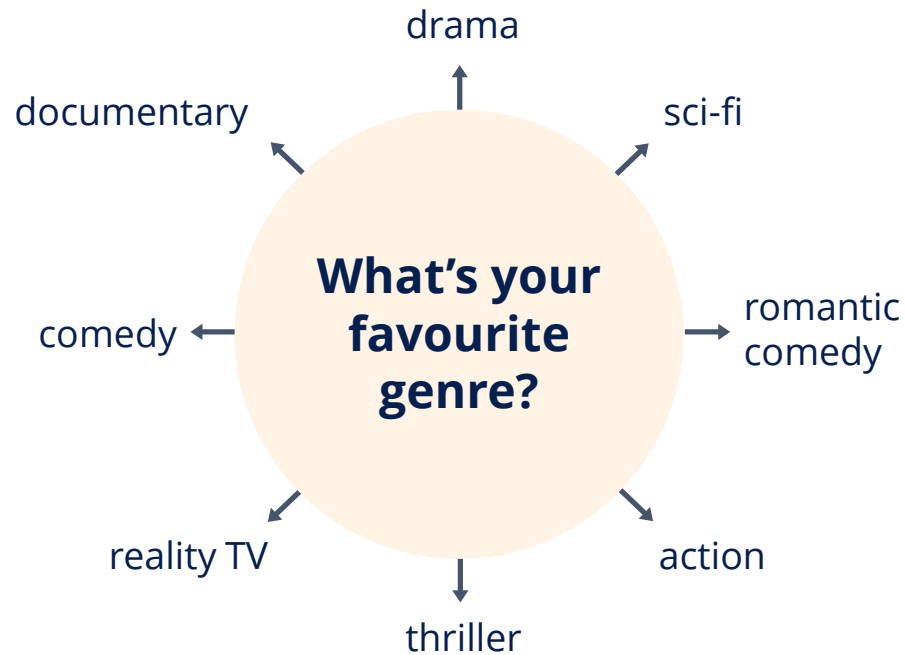


Making a recommendation (1/2)

Find out about your classmate's favourite genre(s).

Ask them for examples and **take notes** to help you remember!

Note: You can do this activity **in breakout rooms** or **in the main classroom**.

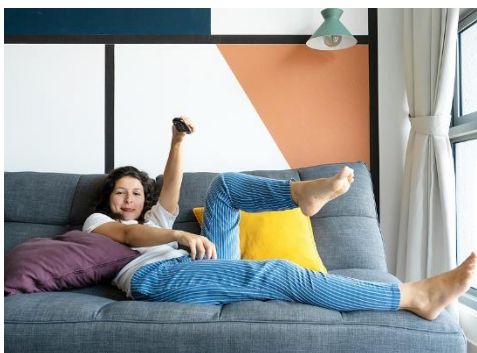


Making a recommendation (2/2)

1. **Recommend** a film or TV series based on your classmate's favourite genre.
2. **Respond** to your classmate's recommendation: Would you like to watch this? Why or why not?

I don't know what to watch. Do you have any suggestions?

You have to watch... because...



Genre

- drama
- sci-fi
- rom com
- action
- reality show
- fantasy

Recommendations

- recommend
- suggest
- should watch
- have to watch
- check out
- must-see
- If you are into..., you would really like...



End of the lesson

Idiom of the day

To make a clown of yourself

Meaning: to make yourself look silly on purpose (but also sometimes unintentionally), usually to make your friends laugh.



Additional practice



What's the word?

Match the definitions with the words.

1 to watch several episodes of a TV series, one after another

2 to completely relax and to not have to give your full attention

3 another way of saying *to turn on* the TV

4 a TV programme of poor quality, or with little educational content

5 another way of saying *to have a look at something* or *to try something*

a to switch on

b to binge on a show

c to check out

d trash TV

e to switch off



Make a recommendation

Read the sentences below. They are describing how the person felt about something they watched. What could be a suitable call to action?

1 That movie is amazing!



2 I absolutely love that show.



3 Nothing makes me laugh more than this show.



4 This is such a great sitcom.



5 I cannot stop watching that show. It's so good.







Statement from the text

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**It's so much fun.
I'm sure you would like it.**

**Do you remember
who said this?
If not, go back to
the text.**

**Which preferences
for movies / series
does Lisa have?**

**Why is this not a
good
recommendation
for Lisa?**





What's your opinion?

Watching trash TV is a total waste of time.



After a long day at work, watching a movie helps me switch off.



Make a recommendation

Think of a good film or series you've recently watched. **Say why you liked it** and then **recommend it** to your teacher or a classmate.



I've recently
watched a movie
called...

I loved
_____. It
made me smile
so much.

I binge watched
it!

I really liked...

I would really
recommend...

It's one of the
best...

You must...

_____ is
amazing...

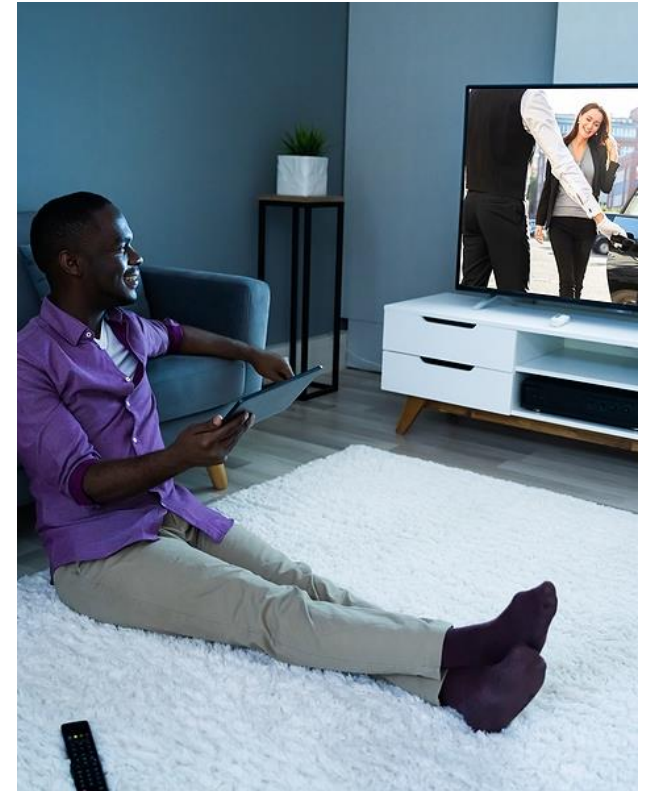
You need to
check it out!



Discuss

When I discover a new show, I usually just binge watch the whole thing.

**How do you feel about this?
Do you binge on series or do you only watch one or two episodes at a time?**



Answer key

P.4: 1. Lisa and Aaron are talking about reality shows 2. Aaron likes to watch reality TV when he gets home from work

P.5: 3. Lisa watches TV because she wants to learn something new or just wants some entertainment. 4. She says this because their opinions are different and they can't agree. 5. Aaron means that he can relax completely and not have to think about anything.

P.8: opinion / thoughts / feelings, to do something (check out the show, watch it, etc.)

P.9: opinion

P.10: modal

P.11:

Giving your opinion: I really liked that show, That's one of the best shows ever!, That movie is absolutely amazing!, I simply love that movie, That show is so funny, That show inspires me so much, That show is a must-see

Call to action: You must watch that movie, You should definitely watch that movie, I would really recommend that show

p.12: It's a lovely show. You should watch it!; I would recommend the show. It's really good!; It's a really interesting movie. You would like it!; It's an entertaining series. I think you would enjoy it!

p.18: 1.b, 2.e, 3.a, 4.d, 5.c



Summary

Making a recommendation: giving your opinion

- I really love / like ...
- That movie is...
- That's one of the best ...

Making a recommendation: call to action

- You should watch...
- You must check out...
- I'm sure you would like...

Real-life language:

- to switch on the TV, trash TV, to check out, to switch off, to binge watch



Vocabulary

Let's switch on the TV.

I just want to switch off.

to binge watch

to check out a show

trash tv

documentary

game show

reality show

a must-see

drama

thriller

horror

sitcom

fantasy

You should watch...

You must check out...

I'm sure you would like...

If you are into..., you would really like...

