

READING

# I like science fiction films!

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English



## Learning outcomes

- I can read a simple text about going out with friends.
- I can give a simple opinion on the characters in the text and their actions.



# Warm-up

**Discuss** the questions below. You can do this activity **in breakout rooms** or **as a class**.



What do you think of when you hear the phrase **film premiere**?

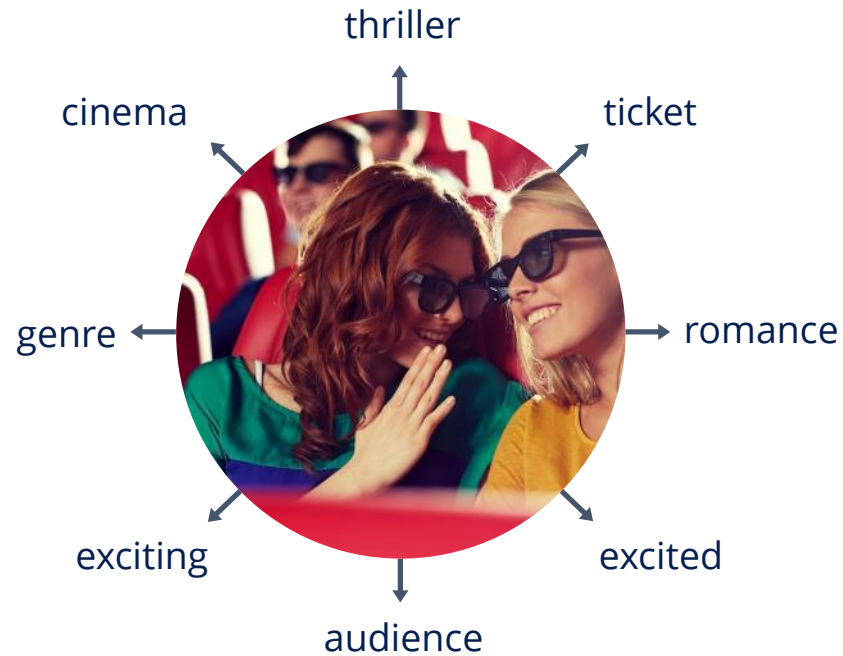
What kind of **people** go to this event?

Would you like to **attend** a film premiere?  
Why or why not?



# Vocabulary review

Do you know these words?



# Preparing for the big event



The big **premiere** is tonight!

Have you got the **tickets**?







# I love films



What's your favourite film **genre**?

I'm a big fan of **romance** films.



I prefer **thrillers** – they're so **exciting**!

I couldn't wait to see the trailer – I was so **excited**!





# Reading

Steve is getting ready to go out. It's taking a long time because he's nervous about meeting Erin tonight. He started getting ready an hour ago and he is still not finished. He fixes his hair and decides to change his shirt. He doesn't want to be late, but he wants to look good!

He looks in the mirror one last time. He puts on a light jacket and walks to the cinema on the corner of his street. It's a cloudy evening, but it's not too cold. It's Saturday night and there is a crowd outside. He takes out his phone and texts Sara and Tom. He doesn't know where to meet them. He stands outside the cinema and waits. He looks at the films that are showing at the cinema. There's a science fiction film, a horror, and two comedies. Horror films and comedies are Steve's favourites.

1. Why does it take Steve a long time to get ready?
2. Where is Steve going and who is he meeting?
3. What are Steve's favourite film genres?



# Reading comprehension

**Decide** whether the statements are true or false. **Correct** the false statements.

	True	False
1 Steve is confident about meeting Erin tonight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 He began getting ready two hours ago.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Steve is driving to the cinema.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 He doesn't know where to meet Sara and Tom.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Horror films and comedies are Steve's favourites.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





# What are they watching?

Do you like this kind of film?



1

horror

2

comedy

# What's your favourite film genre?

Give a **reason** for your answer and the **name of a film** you like in that genre.



romcom



sci-fi



horror



thriller



# Getting ready to go out!

**Discuss:** When do you take **a long time** to get ready?



*a date*

*a party with friends*

*a concert*



# Reading

His phone rings. It's Tom. 'Hi Steve, I'm sorry but I'll be a bit late! Find Sara and I'll meet you soon.'

Steve hangs up the phone and sees a text message from Sara. She is late too. Steve starts to feel very nervous now. He will have to meet Erin by himself. It is raining now, so he takes out his umbrella and waits. He looks for Erin in the crowd. Sara showed him a picture of her. He walks over to a woman who looks like her.

'Excuse me, are you Erin?' he asks.

She looks at him and smiles. 'You must be Steve!' she says.

1. How does Steve feel while he is waiting at the cinema?
2. How does he know what Erin looks like?



# True or False

**Decide** whether the statements are true or false. **Correct** the false sentences.

		true	false
1	Steve gets a call from Sara.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Tom will be a bit late.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Erin looks at Tom and smiles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Steve doesn't know what Erin looks like.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	The weather is nice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



# Transform the sentences

**Transform** the sentences to be in the 1<sup>st</sup> person. In some sentences there can be more than one possible answer.

1 Steve hangs up the phone.



I hang up the phone.

2 Sara is late too.



3 He is meeting Erin by himself.



4 He is looking for Erin in the crowd.



5 Sara showed him a picture of Erin.



6 She looks at him and smiles.







# Reading

They start talking.

'Sara said she will meet us soon,' he says. Erin doesn't have an umbrella. Steve offers her his.

'Thank you! I left mine at home,' she answers. They start talking about films. Erin likes horror films and comedies too, but her favourite genre is science fiction. The science fiction film starts in thirty minutes. That should be enough time for Tom and Sara to get there. They wait in line and Steve buys four tickets.

'They are late, so we get to choose the film,' he says.

1. What does Steve offer Erin?
2. What do they talk about?
3. What's Erin's favourite film genre?

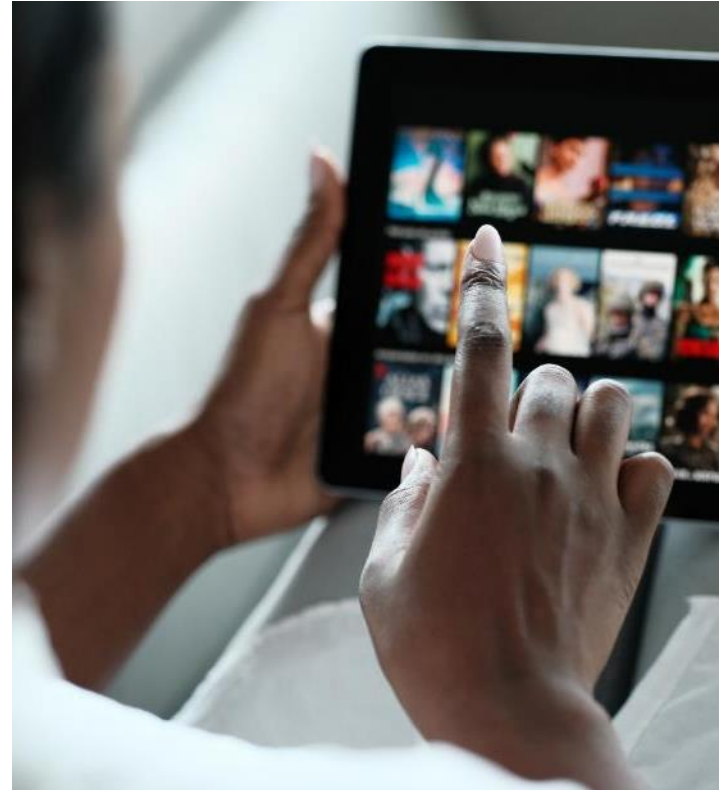


Steve and Erin have a  
lot **in common**.

If you have a lot **in common** with  
someone, you share the same interests or  
experiences.

# Answer the questions based on the text.

- 1 Steve and Erin are on a blind date. What do you think about this kind of date?
- 2 Steve goes with Erin's favourite type of film. Would you do this too?
- 3 Do you like going to the cinema at the weekend? Are there other places you prefer?





# What happens next?

What do you think happens next in the story?

**Read** the suggestions below and decide. Can you think of any other possibilities?

The film is terrible.  
Steve decides that Erin  
has awful taste in films  
and doesn't want to go  
on any more dates.

The film is terrible. They  
all joke about it  
afterwards. Steve and  
Erin must go to a better  
film on their next date!

Tom and Sara don't  
show up. Steve is too  
nervous to ask Erin for  
a drink afterwards. Erin  
thinks he doesn't like  
her.

Tom and Sara don't  
show up. Erin asks  
Steve to go for a drink.  
They have an amazing  
night and plan another  
date.



# End of the lesson

Idiom

***It isn't rocket science.***

**Meaning:** it is easy to understand

**Example:** I'll show you how to use the TV. Don't worry, it isn't rocket science.





# Additional practice



# Categorise these words

thriller

horror

Erin

picture

Steve

umbrella

Sara

comedy

science fiction

Tom

crowd

phone

**genre**

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**person**

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**noun**

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# My last trip to the cinema

**Write** about the last time you went to the cinema. Where was it? Who did you go with? What did you see? Did you enjoy the film?



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## Going on a date

**Do you think the cinema is a good place for a first date? Why or why not?**



**What are some other common places to go for first dates?**



# Answer key

**P.7:** 1. Steve wants to look good, so he takes more time getting ready. 2. Steve is going to the cinema to meet Erin, as well as Sara and Tom. 3. Steve's favourite genres are horror and comedy.

**P.8:** 1. f 2. f 3. f 4. t 5. t

**P.9:** horror

**P.12:** 1. Steve feels very nervous. 2. Steve knows what Erin looks like because Sara showed him a picture of her.

**P.13:** 1. f 2. t 3. f 4. f 5. f

**P.14:** 2. I am late too 3. I am meeting Erin by myself 4. I am looking for Erin in the crowd 5. Sara showed me a picture of Erin / I showed him a picture of Erin 6. She looks at me and smiles / I look at him and smile

**P.15:** 1. Steve offers Erin his umbrella. 2. They talk about films. 3. Erin's favourite genre is science fiction.

**P.22:**

*genre:* thriller, horror, comedy, science fiction

*person:* Erin, Tom, Steve, Sara

*noun:* picture, umbrella, crowd, phone



# Summary

## Going the cinema

- *thriller; ticket; romance; excited*
- *audience; exciting; genre; cinema*

## Giving opinions

- *I'm **a big fan of** thrillers.*
- *I **prefer** romantic comedies.*





# Vocabulary

thriller

ticket

romance

excited

audience

exciting

genre

cinema

in common

