

**Text A:**

There's something special about the cinema. Sitting in the dark with the surround sound speakers, the larger-than-life screen and a big group of people all sharing the same experience. It's magical... but the illusion is easily broken. We asked a few people what they find most annoying about the cinema. Here are some of their responses.

"I hate the way they overcharge for everything in the cinema. I mean, the popcorn and the drinks are at least twice as expensive as normal. Also, talking about popcorn, I hate it when they fill the container so high that the popcorn falls out and you drop it everywhere."

"I can't stand noise in the cinema. Screaming babies, non-stop talking about the film and noisy eaters, but worst of all, the sound of someone unwrapping a sweet – particularly when they're trying not to make too much noise, so they open it really slowly, but that makes it even noisier".

"I hate it when people use their mobile phone in the cinema. The bright light from the mobile screen goes right into your eyes and ruins the experience. I also hate the sound of a message beep (why can't people turn their mobile phones off!), but worst of all, people who answer a phone call, or even make one!"

"For me, the cinema loudspeakers are usually way too loud. Also, I hate it when people get up to go to the toilet in the middle of the film (can't they go beforehand?) or when someone (usually a child) kicks the back of your chair or taps the back of your seat with their feet or hands. It also annoys me when people arrive late and make you stand up as they need to get to their seat."

**1.1.1. Indicate whether the following statements are true or false (T/F) according to the text. Copy that part (and ONLY that part) of the text which justifies your answer. (1.5 points)**

- a. They wanted to discover what people liked most about the cinema.
- b. One thing that people hate is that food and drink are not as cheap as outside the cinema.
- c. It's better when people who open a sweet try to do so quietly.
- d. The worst problem with mobile phones is the bright light that interferes with the visual experience of the film
- e. The film sound is never loud enough
- f. It is sometimes irritating when a child is sitting behind you.

**1.1.2. Find words or phrases in the text that correspond in meaning to the words and definitions given here: (1 point)**

- a. irritating

- b. ask an unreasonable price
- c. let it fall
- d. especially
- e. spoils

**1.2.1. Complete the second sentence of each pair so that it has the same meaning as the first one. You must use the word or expression in italics. (2 points)**

a. They asked a few people what they find most annoying about the cinema.

A few people

b. He said, "It goes right into your eyes and ruins the experience".

He said that

c. I hate screaming babies and non-stop talking.

I hate it when

d. It is far more interesting to go to the cinema on your own.

is far more interesting.

e. Last Saturday we went to the cinema. We went in my brother's car.

The car

**1.2.2. Pronunciation (0.50 points)**

a. Which word has the same vowel sound as in the word "dark"? larger, sharing, arrive, particularly.

b. In which word is the underlined letter pronounced differently? open, mobile, phone, gone.

c. In which two words is the underlined letter pronounced as in "high"? bingo, bird, flight, birnh, sir, file, click, flint

d. In which word is the letter "l" silent (not pronounced)? cold, sale, calm, help