

## 1 Complete the sentences with words or expressions from the box.

a bunch of      Frankly      I can't stand      It's my treat      I've heard


- There are a bunch of good new comedies on Netclips. I can't decide which one to watch.
- I've heard the new Leonardo DiCaprio movie is fantastic. Have you seen it yet?
- I have two tickets for the 10:00 show. Would you like to go? It's my treat.
- The Wolf of Wall Street*? Frankly, I'm too tired for a three-hour epic!
- I can't stand horror movies. I watch movies to relax—not to be frightened.

## 2 Answer the questions about your own movie preferences.

- What actor or actress are you a big fan of? I am a big fan of bryan cranston
- What movie genres are you usually in the mood for? I am usually in the mood for action and adventure movies.
- What was the last movie you saw in a theater? The last movie I saw in a theater was "Oppenheimer."
- What was the last movie you watched at home? The last movie I watched at home was "The Light House."

## LESSON 1

3 Complete the posting from an online movie message board. Use since or for.



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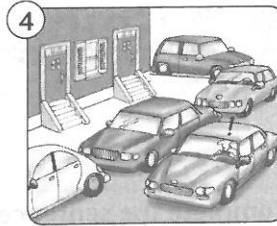
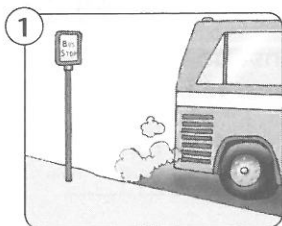
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Schedule

Discussion Board

Comments: I've been an action film fan for 20 years, since I was 10 years old. I haven't seen a good one for a very long time. Last night I saw the movie *Crazy Aliens*, and it was terrible. I watched it for about an hour, but then I had to turn it off. I kept falling asleep!! It was the worst action film I've seen since 1997, when I saw *Another Planet Earth*. In my opinion, there still haven't been any good action films since *Avatar* in 2009. What a disappointment!

4 Look at the pictures. Then complete the conversation.



Patty: Hi, Rosemary. Sorry I'm late. Have you been here long?

Rosemary: For about twenty minutes. What happened?

Patty: First I missed the bus<sup>1.</sup>. I ran to catch it, but it pulled away. And I couldn't get a taxi<sup>2.</sup> because it was raining. So, I went back home to get my car. Then I got stuck in traffic<sup>3.</sup>. Finally I got here, but I couldn't find a parking space<sup>4.</sup>. It took me about ten minutes before I found one!

Rosemary: Well, you're here now. Let's go see the movie!

## LESSON 2

5 Match each movie genre with the correct description. Write the letter on the line.

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| 1. <u>d</u> feature fast-paced, exciting, and dangerous situations | a. dramas                |
| 2. <u>e</u> are drawn by hand or created on a computer             | b. documentaries         |
| 3. <u>f</u> tell a story with singing and dancing                  | c. science-fiction films |
| 4. <u>b</u> give us information about real people and things       | d. action films          |
| 5. <u>c</u> usually take place in the future                       | e. animated films        |
| 6. <u>g</u> make us smile and laugh                                | f. musicals              |
| 7. <u>a</u> focus on characters' problems and emotions             | g. comedies              |

6 Read the newspaper movie listings. Write the genre that best describes each movie.

# ESSEX TIMES

Friday, May 22 ENTERTAINMENT page 39

<p><b>The Fearless Fighter</b> 🎬</p> <p>You'll be on the edge of your seat. Don't miss this exciting adventure! But don't bring the kids—a little too violent.</p> <p>Edgewood Theater: 6:00, 8:15, 10:30</p>	<p><b>Myra's Day</b> 🎬</p> <p>Spend the day with Myra. You'll laugh so hard you might fall out of your seat!</p> <p>Plaza Cinema: 4:00, 6:00, 8:00</p>	<p><b>Goodnight, Mariana</b> 🎬</p> <p>Mariana tries to find her long lost mother. Her search takes her all over the country. Very sad and touching. Based on a true story.</p> <p>Castle Theater: 4:00, 6:15, 8:30</p>
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Genre: Action

Genre: Comedy

Genre: Drama

- 7 **CHALLENGE.** Which of the movies from the listing in Exercise 6 would you rather see? Explain your answer.

I would rather see Myra's Day because I enjoy comedies. The description says it's very funny, and I love movies that make me laugh. A light-hearted comedy sounds like a great way to relax and have a good time.

- 8 Look at Tom's favorite things and least favorite things. Then read each statement and check true or false, based on Tom's lists.

### Tom's Favorite Things

1. comedies
2. a trip to the beach
3. pop music
4. going to the gym
5. rice

### Tom's Least Favorite Things

1. documentaries
2. a trip to the mountains
3. classical music
4. going shopping
5. pasta

1. Tom would rather see a comedy than a documentary.
2. He'd rather take a trip to the mountains than to the beach.
3. He'd rather listen to classical music than pop music.
4. He'd rather go to the gym than go shopping.
5. Tom would rather eat rice than pasta.

true	false
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- 9 Look at the statements in Exercise 8. Write five true statements about your own preferences. Use would rather.

I would rather read a book than watch TV.  
I would rather have tea than coffee in the morning.  
I would rather go hiking than stay indoors all day.  
I would rather listen to pop music than classical music.  
I would rather cook at home than eat out at a restaurant.



- 10 Read the online movie reviews. Then complete the chart. Write the genre and choose two adjectives from the box to describe each movie. Circle "thumbs up" if the reviewer recommends the movie or "thumbs down" if he or she doesn't recommend it.

boring      hilarious      interesting      silly      unforgettable      violent      weird

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THE REVIEW PAGES

### THE ALIEN!



I was really looking forward to this: Martians take over a city in the year 2030. I usually love these kinds of movies, but *The Alien!* is just too strange for words. The story doesn't make sense. It was downright stupid!

—Kris Baker

### SEARCH FOR THE LOST KINGDOM



This is going to be a blockbuster hit! The acting was terrific! A little too much killing for me, but it was still a great movie. I won't forget this movie for a long time!

—Ajay007

### DAD'S BACK!



In *Dad's Back!*, Moran Silva films himself and his real family for a whole month. It sounds boring, but you'll be surprised at how entertaining the movie is. I strongly recommend this film to anyone looking for a good laugh.

—Marty19

### DON'T SCREAM NOW



A film about a killer monster is scary and exciting, right? Not this one! It was not interesting at all! Almost everyone gets killed, and still I couldn't stay awake! I'd rather have stayed home and read a book.

—Yasir

ONLINE

Movie title	Genre	Adjectives	Reviewer's opinion	
<i>The Alien!</i>	Science fiction	silly, weird	<input checked="" type="radio"/> thumbs up	<input checked="" type="radio"/> thumbs down
<i>Search for the Lost Kingdom</i>	action	violent, unforgettable	<input checked="" type="radio"/> thumbs up	<input type="radio"/> thumbs down
<i>Dad's Back!</i>	documentary	hilarious, interesting	<input checked="" type="radio"/> thumbs up	<input type="radio"/> thumbs down
<i>Don't Scream Now</i>	horror	boring, violent	<input type="radio"/> thumbs up	<input checked="" type="radio"/> thumbs down

**11 Complete the conversation. Write the letter on the line.**

A: Hi, Janelle. Seen any good movies recently?

B: d  
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A: *Play Time*? What kind of movie is that?

B: b  
2.

A: Well, what is it about?

B: e  
3.

A: That doesn't sound very funny. Was it any good?

B: a  
4.

A: The funniest? Wow! Who was in it?

B: f  
5.

A: So you think I would like it?

B: c  
6.

a. It was terrific. It might be the funniest film I've seen this year.

b. It's a comedy.

c. Definitely. I highly recommend it.

d. Yeah, I just saw *Play Time* at the Art Cinema.

e. It's about some high school kids who don't want to graduate.

f. It stars Wilson Grant—he was really hilarious.

**12 CHALLENGE.** Write your own review about a movie you've seen. Use the reviews in Exercise 10 for support. In your review, answer the following questions: What kind of movie was it? Who was in it? What was it about? Was it funny? Romantic? Thought-provoking? Would you recommend it?

I recently watched the movie *Coraline*. It's an animated dark fantasy film directed by Henry Selick, based on the novel by Neil Gaiman. The movie features the voice of Dakota Fanning as Coraline Jones, a young girl who discovers a secret door in her new home that leads to an alternate world. This world seems perfect at first but soon reveals its dark and sinister nature. Coraline is visually stunning and quite creepy, making it an intriguing and unique film. It's not necessarily funny or romantic, but it's very thought-provoking with its themes of bravery and the importance of appreciating what you have. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a mix of fantasy, suspense, and a bit of horror.

**LESSON 4**

**13** Read the article *Can Violent Movies or TV Programs Harm Children?* on page 22 in the Student's Book again. Then read each statement and check true or false, according to the information in the article.



1. It's OK for children to watch violence in animated TV shows and movies.
2. Children who watch a lot of fighting and killing on TV are more likely to act violently as adults.
3. Eight is a safe age for children to start watching violent movies and TV shows.
4. Violence is normal, so children should be exposed to it.
5. Children should learn that there are consequences for doing bad things.
6. Parents should watch and discuss violent TV programs with their very young children.

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## How can I protect my kids from media violence?

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POST A COMMENT



**James F.**  
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The forecast is for rain all weekend, so I thought I'd rent some movies for the kids to watch. When we looked at the movie list on the television, my nine-year-old son clicked on the new release section. Every movie he picked had a gun or an explosion in the picture. My six-year-old wanted a movie based on one of his favorite toys. He begged me to rent it, "Please, Dad. I have the toys. Why can't I see the movie?" But this movie is not for children. According to the reviews I've read, it's very scary and pretty bloody. We decided to rent a popular animated film I found in the family section, but even that had fighting in it. And the violent scenes were also silly and funny. Frankly, I think that's sending kids a bad message.

I was so upset that I decided to do some research on children and media violence. Did you know that between the ages of four and eighteen, the average child sees 200,000 acts of violence on TV and other media—including 40,000 murders? Also, 60 to 90% of the most popular video games have violent subject matter. Another study found that 61% of television programs show some violence, and 43% of these violent scenes are used to make people laugh!

Why can't the entertainment industry make kids' movies and TV shows that are actually appropriate for kids? And when will they stop selling toys based on violent movies and video games that young children should not see or play? Maybe next time it rains, I'll take my kids to the library instead!

1. What is James F.'s nine-year-old son interested in? violent movies
2. What does his six-year-old want to see? a movie based on his favorite toys
3. What does James F. rent? a popular animated film
4. Why is he upset? the movie had violence in it
5. What does he think the entertainment industry should do? Make movies appropriate for kids
6. Do you agree with James F.? Explain your answer. Yes, kids should watch age-appropriate content.

### 15 Complete the statements, according to the blog post in Exercise 14. Circle the letter.

1. Between the ages of four and eighteen, the average child sees c on TV and in other media.  
a. 40,000 television programs    b. 200,000 murders    c. 40,000 murders
2. a of all TV shows contain violent scenes.  
a. More than half    b. Half    c. Less than half
3. Violence on TV is often meant to be seen as b.  
a. unforgettable    b. funny    c. scary

# GRAMMAR BOOSTER

**A** Read the sentence in column A. Then decide if the sentence in column B is true or false.

A	B	true	false
1. She's been living in Milan for two years.	She still lives in Milan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. He's lived in Quito since 2011.	He doesn't live in Quito now.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. I've climbed Mt. Sorak.	I am climbing Mt. Sorak now.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. How long have you been reading that book?	You are still reading the book.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. She's written a review of the new movie.	She's finished writing the review.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. We've been waiting to see <i>Gravity</i> .	We've already seen <i>Gravity</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**B** Think of three activities that you enjoy. When did you start? For each activity, write one present perfect sentence and one present perfect continuous sentence. Use for or since.

I've played the piano for three years. I've been playing the piano for three years.

I've read many books since I was a child.  
 I've been reading a lot of fiction lately.  
 I've run in several marathons over the past five years.  
 I've been running every morning for the last year.  
 I've cooked dinner for my family every weekend since 2020.  
 I've been experimenting with new recipes for several months.

**C** Complete each statement with the present perfect continuous.

- I 've been hearing really good things about the new Keira Knightley movie.  
hear
- Jimmy has been giving me DVDs to watch on the weekends.  
give
- Ski Trip* has been getting terrible reviews.  
get
- Planet X* has been making a lot of money since it came out last week.  
make
- Audrey's grandparents have been paying for her acting classes.  
pay
- Joe and Clem have been traveling around Europe and Asia for nine months.  
travel
- We have been looking for a movie for a half hour. Just choose something!  
look

**D** Complete the sentences. Circle the correct words.

- I (prefer / would rather) see a silly movie than a violent movie.
- Annabelle (likes / would rather) classic films.
- We (prefer / would rather) to order tickets online.
- She would (like / rather) to watch a romantic comedy.
- Would you (prefer / rather) sit in the middle or on the aisle?
- No soda for me. I (prefer / would rather) water.
- Oscar (prefers / would rather) not go to the movies tonight.



- E** Look at the answers. Write questions with like, prefer, or would rather.  
There is more than one correct answer.

1. A: Do you prefer dramas or musicals? \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: A drama. I'm not that big on musicals.
2. A: Would you like popcorn or candy? \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: Popcorn, please. I don't eat candy.
3. A: Would you rather watch a movie or see a play? \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: Definitely a movie. Plays are fine, but I really love movies.
4. A: Do you prefer Saturday or Sunday for our meeting? \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: Saturday works for me. I'm busy on Sunday.
5. A: Would you like Chinese food or something else? \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: I'm not in the mood for Chinese food. What about Mexican?
6. A: Do you like any particular option, or would you rather I choose? \_\_\_\_\_?  
B: It doesn't matter to me. You choose.

## WRITING BOOSTER

- A** Write a topic sentence for the following paragraph.

**Topic sentence:** Violence in movies does not directly cause people to imitate dangerous behaviors in real life.

People don't imitate the behavior they see in movies. Would you try jumping from the roof of one tall building to another because you saw it in an action film? We live in a violent world. Just open any newspaper—or history book. What happens in real life is more violent than what happens in movies, and violence is not new. Violent entertainment has been around for a long time. Think about the gladiators in ancient Rome.

- B** Why do some people think violence in movies is harmful? Why do others think it isn't? Complete the chart with people's opinions. Look at Exercise A above and the article on page 22 of the Student's Book for ideas.

Violence in movies	
Harmful	Not harmful
<p><i>Can make children more aggressive</i></p> <p>can make people imitate bad behavior makes people accept violence in the real world doesn't show the consequences of violence</p>	<p>people know that movies aren't real</p> <p>less violent than real life</p>

- C** On a separate sheet of paper, write two paragraphs of three to five sentences each with details about the following topics. Then write and add a topic sentence for each paragraph.

### Paragraph 1

The best movie you ever saw and why you liked it.

The best movie I ever saw is Inception because of its complex plot and stunning visual effects. Leonardo DiCaprio's performance added emotional depth, making it engaging from start to finish. The unique storyline and creativity made it unforgettable.

### Paragraph 2

The worst movie you ever saw and why you couldn't stand it.

The worst movie I ever saw is The Room. The plot was confusing, the dialogue was poorly written, and the acting was bad. The low production quality and mistakes made it hard to watch.