

3 Vocabulary

Types of films

1 With a partner, write the name of a film for each type.

- a comedy:
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- a historical film:
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- a horror film:
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- a musical:
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- a romantic film:
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- a science fiction film:
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- a thriller:
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- an action film:
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- an animated film:
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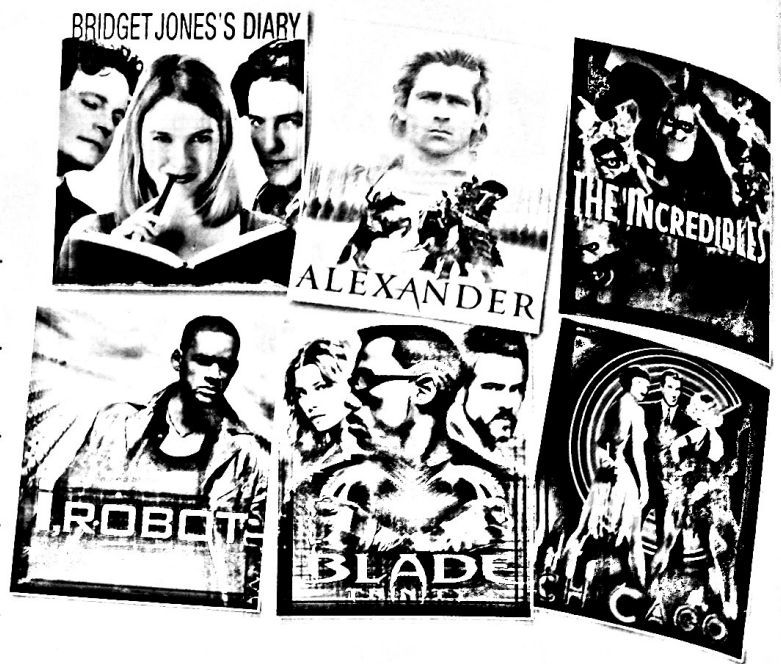
2 What types of films do you like? Why?

People in the film industry

3 Match these words to the definitions.

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| • character | • stars | • producer |
| • director | • extras | • audience |

1. A is a fictional person in a film.
2. The have very small parts in a film.
3. A finds the money to make a film.
4. The directs the actors in a film.
5. The are the most famous actors in a film.
6. The watch the film.



4 Complete with words from Exercise 3.

1. Steven Spielberg is a famous film
2. Last year we were We appeared for two seconds in the film!
3. The film had lots of Hollywood but the didn't like it.
4. My favourite in *Shrek* was the talking donkey. He was really funny.

Words to describe a film

5 Read the words and give an example of each.

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the acting	great	poor
the ending	surprising	sad
the special effects	amazing	bad
the music	really good	awful
the costumes	excellent	horrible
the story	interesting	boring

Example: In *Titanic* the acting is great.

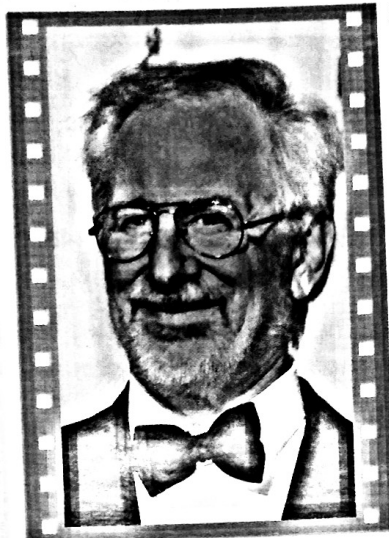
❶ What do you know about Steven Spielberg? Can you name any of the films he directed?

STEVEN SPIELBERG

A To many, Steven Spielberg is the most successful filmmaker of all times. Born on December 18, 1947, he grew up with his parents and three sisters in Ohio and other North American states.

B As a child, he was never interested in his studies. His true interest was in filmmaking and he used his family video camera to record all kinds of scenes and make amateur films. He sometimes showed them in his home and charged admission. His sisters sold popcorn. He was a child of great imagination and he liked to impress his younger sisters using special effects and props he created.

C Spielberg made his first film when he was 12 years old. When he was 16, he made a two-hour science fiction film about an encounter with aliens. His father rented a local cinema to show the film and in one night he got back the \$500 he had spent making it.



D He applied to film school twice but he was not admitted because his secondary school grades were not high enough. He decided to get a job at Universal Studios and began his career working there, where he directed several films and TV series. His first big hit was *Jaws* (1975), a horror film about a huge killer shark. It made him a multi-millionaire, and after that Spielberg could do whatever he wanted. Then came such great films as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977), the *Indiana Jones* trilogy (1981-1989, with a fourth part in 2008), *E.T.: The Extraterrestrial* (1982), *Schindler's List* (1993), *Jurassic Park* (1993) and its sequel (1997) and *War Horse* (2011).

E Today Spielberg is a billionaire, but he is still a modest, private person. He enjoys a happy family life with his second wife, Cate Capshaw, the three children they had together, the two children they adopted, and the two children they have from their previous marriages.

❷ Read Steven Spielberg's biography. Match the titles to the paragraphs A-E.

1. Homemade films ☐
2. Early days ☐
3. A filmmaker in his teens ☐
4. The personal life of a wealthy man ☐
5. A successful career ☐

❸ Look at the text again. Answer.

1. Where and when was Steven Spielberg born?
2. Was he a good student? Why / Why not?
3. What did he use to make his first films?
4. Why didn't he go to film school?
5. Why was *Jaws* so important in his career?
6. How many people does he live with?

❹ Discuss.

- What events from Spielberg's life surprised you? Explain.
- Did Spielberg receive support from his family? Give examples from the text to explain your view.