

I love going to the cinema to see the latest movie. I love to watch every type of movie genre. In the box below I have written some of my favorite genres. Can you think of more?

Fantasy

Science Fiction

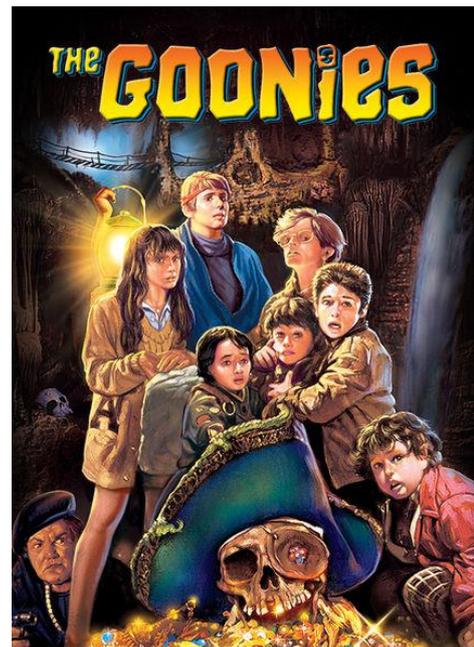
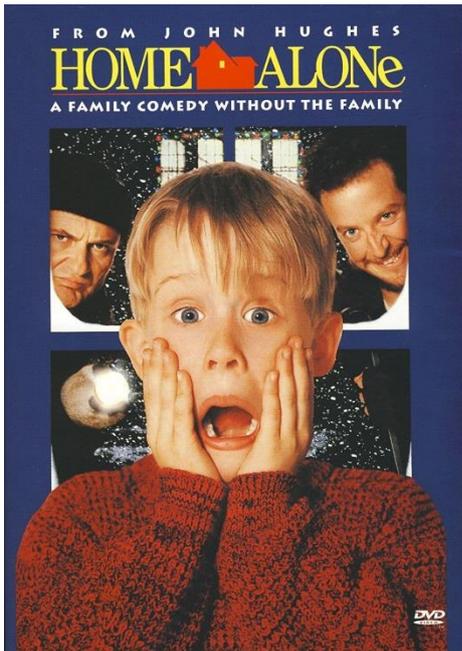
Western

Comedy

Thriller

Which is your favorite genre and why? Which genre do you dislike and why?

Below you can see some movie posters. What do you think the genre and plot of the movie are just by looking at the poster and the name?



In the boxes, you will see a small description of the two movies you saw on the previous page. Fill in each gap with a suitable word from the blue box. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

Home Alone

Home Alone is a 1990 American comedy film. The film Macaulay Culkin as Kevin McCallister, an 8-year-old boy in a family of 7. Kevin is forced to spend Christmas alone because his family to take him on holiday to Paris. The night before the flight to Paris Kevin has an argument with his parents. His mother makes him sleep in the and Kevin makes a wish that his family would In a rush the family leaves for the airport without Kevin, he wakes up to an empty house and thinks his wish has true. He starts to enjoy the empty house but soon realizes that there are two who want to rob the house. Kevin must defend the house alone while his family tries to find a flight back to America.

The Goonies

The Goonies is an adventure comedy film about a group of children who live in a called the "Goon Docks". A planning and construction company want to destroy their houses to build a country club. The goonies want to stop them. After exploring the attic of Mikey Walsh (one of the goonies) the group finds an old Spanish that leads to the treasure of an old pirate called One-Eyed Willy. The goonies the map to an old restaurant that is the of a criminal family, the Fratellis. The Fratellis chase the goonies as they try to find the treasure. To reach the treasure they must avoid deadly and dangerous obstacles. Will they survive the traps, from the Fratellis and find the treasure to save their homes?

stars	forgot	come	attic	neighborhood	traps	hideout
burglars	escape		disappear	map		follow

Helpful Definitions

Burglar – A person who enters a building with the intention to rob.

Hideout – A secret location. A place used by criminals to hide from the police.

What is your favorite movie? Write a description of the movie. What is the plot?

Movie Trailers are a fantastic way for studios to advertise and create buzz about a new movie. How have movie trailers changed over time? In this activity, you will watch three different trailers. Each trailer comes from a different era of cinema.

After each trailer, make notes about the following points: the duration, the music, the style of editing, and how it makes you feel.

A Christmas Carol - <https://youtu.be/fbaa-T5wSE8>

Home Alone - <https://youtu.be/jEDaVHmw7r4>

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo - <https://youtu.be/WVLvMg62RPA>

quick cuts	light voiceover	silly	out-dated	rhythm	suspense
visuals	action packed	special effects	blockbuster	dull	intriguing
	thrilling	fast/slow paced		dark	mysterious

Compare the three movie trailers. Use the words in the box above to help you.

Voice-overs

In the second trailer, Home Alone, you saw and heard the use of a voice over. Voice-overs were popular in movie trailers during the 90s. They narrated the trailer, explaining parts of the plot. They were used to build tension, drama, and suspense. In addition, they were used to inform the viewer about information such as when the movie was coming out, where you could see it or who was in the movie.

In this activity, you will narrate a movie trailer. Choose a movie trailer that is between 1 and 2 minutes long. Prepare a script and using your phone record your voice in time with the movie trailer.

For inspiration, watch this video about Don LaFontaine who was a famous voice-over artist - https://youtu.be/7QPMvj_xejg

The Future of Cinema

Going to the cinema is an experience. The comfortable seats, the over-priced popcorn and the deafening volume of the movie create an experience that just isn't the same at home. But what is the future of the cinema?

Make 4 predictions about the future of cinema.

Using your phone during a movie is a big no-no. But there is one CEO who wants to change that. In the following link you will find an audio and transcript to an NPR article titled "Clash Of The Screens: Should Movie Theaters Allow Texting? AMC Says Maybe".

<https://www.npr.org/templates/transcript/transcript.php?storyId=474226195>

Comprehension and vocabulary questions

1. What has Adam Aron, the CEO of AMC, suggested?

2. In what way does Linda disagree with Adam Aron?

3. What point do Bob and Linda agree on?

4. How did Bob Mondello describe himself?

5. What are some inappropriate things that Holmes says people do at the movie theatre?

6. What is the real problem that AMC have according to Bob?

7. What are Bob and Linda's jobs?

Comprehension and vocabulary Answers

1. **What has Adam Aron, the CEO of AMC, suggested?** To make some movie theatres mobile friendly. He has suggested creating special sections where people can use their phone during the film.
2. **In what way does Linda disagree with Adam Aron?** Linda, however, disagreed with Adam Aron’s idea that the fault lies with 22-year-olds.
3. **What point do Bob and Linda agree on?** Bob and Linda both agree that using mobile phones during a film is inappropriate
4. **How did Bob Mondello describe himself?** He describes himself as grumpy.
5. **What are some inappropriate things that Holmes says people do at the movie theatre?** Shuffling, mouth breathing and inappropriate chewing.
6. **What is the real problem that AMC have according to Bob?** Due to the popularity of streaming services, people under 25 are going less and less to the movies.
7. **What are Bob and Linda’s jobs?** Bob is a movie critic with NPR and Linda is a pop-culture blogger.

Would you rather...explain why.

Would you rather go to the cinema or watch a movie at home?

Would you rather sit next to a person who is eating popcorn or a bag of crisps?

Would you rather live in the world of Star Wars, Lord Of The Rings or Harry Potter?

Would you rather star in a movie or be given \$1M?
