

”Saturday Night Live” with Teacher Jeffrey from E-say™ English



“Let’s make it a movie night”

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Popcorn-

One of the real pleasures of life for me is to sit and munch on hot buttered popcorn while I watching a good movie.

Movie buff-

when someone is addicted to movies and actively goes to the cinema on a regular basis.

girl: "how much do you like movies?"

boy: "oh man, I love them, I'm such a movie buff"

Movie marathon-

Is when you watch four or more movies in a straight row. Usually done by a movie freaks or anyone who has nothing to do to spend their free time.

Steve: I spent my last Sunday watching the whole series of Star Wars movies in a row.

Bob : episode I-VI? Wow, that's a movie marathon.

Movie Date-

A concept designed to connect those who are in relationships at a distance. This usually consist of calling each other to start the movie at the exact same time, making sure every word in the movie is synonymous, and staying on the phone for the full length of the movie in order to get the experience as if your loved one was right beside you.

Here are 14 basic movie genres: which are your favorite?- from *E-say Advance Conversation Course*

Action (Disaster): Stories whose central struggle plays out mainly through a clash of physical forces.

Adventure: The central struggle plays out mainly through encounters with new “worlds”.

Comedy: The plot causes hilarious results.

Coming-of-Age Drama: Stories about the hero finding his or her place in the world.

Crime: The central struggle is about catching a criminal.

Detective Story/ Courtroom Drama: The plot is to find out what really happened and thus to expose the truth.

Epic /Myth: The central struggle plays out in the midst of a clash of great forces or in the sweep of great historical change.

Fantasy: Animated stories, or whose central struggle plays out in two worlds-the “real” world and an imaginary world.

Gangster: The plot centers on a criminal and society. A cautionary tale, rooted in a main character that commits crimes and is often blended with Film Noir.

Horror: The hero focuses on escaping from and eventually defeating a human or non-human monster.

Love (Romance): The plot centers on two people wanting to win or keep the love of the other.

Science Fiction: The plot is generated from the technology and tools of a scientifically imaginable world.

Social Drama: The plot centers on a champion and a problem or injustice in society with the champion having a personal stake in the outcome.

Thriller: The plot pits an innocent hero against a lethal enemy trying to kill him or her.

Background Reading: Please review before class this will not be read in the group lesson.

Even if you have never been to New York, you will probably have seen many of the famous sights in films or on TV. From *Friends* to *King of Queens*, from *Men in Black* to *Madagascar*, New York is the most filmed city in the world. The first movie that made New York famous in film was *King Kong* from 1933. Since then, thousands of films have been set in the city, and almost every different type: from science fiction films like *I am Legend*, to action films like *Spider-Man* and romantic comedies like *Hitch*. The city has also been the home of many famous TV shows, like *The Cosby Show*, *Heroes* and *CSI New York*. Many of the famous talk shows, such as *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, are also filmed in New York.

There are many reasons why New York is a good place to film. A lot of film makers think that the city is interesting and has got many different stories to tell because rich people, poor people and people from all over the world live in the city. Some say that the city is always beautiful, while others think that it is a good place for a film because so many people know or have visited New York. Most of the famous sights have had roles in films, from *King Kong* climbing up the Empire State Building to the Statue of Liberty covered in snow and ice in *The Day after Tomorrow*. But because the city is always changing, films and TV shows have to change, too. After the attacks on September 11th 2001, many films and TV shows had to be changed so that the World Trade Center was not in them. The first *Spider-Man* movie, for example, was also changed because the final battle should have taken place there.

If you are going to New York and would like to see where your favorite film was made, there are many ways to do this. There is a map on the Internet that tells you what films were made and where they were shot (www.newyorkinthemovies.com). Or you can go on a tour of famous movie and TV sites and visit the flat in *Friends* or the fire station in *Ghostbusters*. And of course, there are many movies and TV shows being filmed in New York every day. So, who knows— you may end up10 in the next Hollywood blockbuster – just like New York itself!



Each person in the group will take turns asking another one in the group the following questions or you own.

Who is your favorite actor? Who is your favorite actress?
Do you ever wish that they were together in real life?

Describe the best movie set you have ever seen. If you could live on that set, would you? If not, what movie set would be your dream house?

What kinds of movie costumes do you like best? Have you ever worn a costume?

What is the worst movie you have ever seen? Why was it so bad? What would have made it better?

Did you ever imagine becoming an actor/actress? Who would you want to be your leading man/woman?

Do you watch the Academy Awards? Do you ever wish you could go to an awards show and dress up in a fancy dress? Have you ever been to one?

Do you read movie reviews? Do you usually agree with the reviewers' opinions?

Modern blockbuster movies can cost hundreds of millions of dollars to make.
What do you think about that?

What is the best movie of all time? Why is it so good?

What is your favorite line or scene from a movie? What about it makes you remember it so well or like it so much?

Which actor or actress do you think is the most overrated in Hollywood today? Which is the most underrated?

What movie do you wish they would release on the big screen again? What movie would you most like to own on video?

Do you usually read the reviews of movies before you watch them? Why/Why not?

How have TV, cable and the Internet changed the movie industry?

Are movies just entertainment for you, or do you think they have an important part to play in our society?

Tip

In Britain, people usually say 'film' but they also say 'movie'.

Opinions, Preferences:

I think..., In my opinion..., I'd like to..., I'd rather..., I'd prefer..., The way I see it..., As far as I'm concerned..., If it were up to me..., I suppose..., I suspect that..., I'm pretty sure that..., It is fairly certain that..., I'm convinced that..., I honestly feel that, I strongly believe that..., Without a doubt...,

Disagreeing:

I don't think that..., Don't you think it would be better..., I don't agree, I'd prefer..., Shouldn't we consider..., But what about..., I'm afraid I don't agree..., Frankly, I doubt if..., Let's face it, The truth of the matter is..., The problem with your point of view is that...

Giving Reasons and offering explanations: To start with, The reason why..., That's why..., For this reason..., That's the reason why..., Many people think..., Considering..., Allowing for the fact that..., When you consider that...