

## A REVIEW

- 1 What films have you seen recently? Did you enjoy them? Tell your partner why.
- 2 Read the review of *Black Panther*. Do you know this film? Would you like to watch it?

### Black Panther



I've just seen the film *Black Panther* and I loved it. It's a great film! It tells the story of T'Challa, a superhero who has some amazing powers. The story takes place in a country in the future that isn't real. T'Challa has to defeat Killmonger, the 'bad guy'. Killmonger wants to take control of the world and make terrible wars happen. Of course, the superhero wins in the end! The story doesn't sound very exciting, but it is a fantastic film! T'Challa is played by Chadwick Boseman and Killmonger is played by Michael B. Jordan. The acting is brilliant! There are some really exciting action scenes and also some very funny parts. The costumes and special effects are amazing! I think this is one of the best superhero films ever and everyone should definitely watch it! \*\*\*\*\* [5 stars]

- 3 Read the review again. Decide if the sentences are true or false.
  - 1 The writer saw this film recently.
  - 2 Killmonger is the hero of the film.
  - 3 The film has a good ending.
  - 4 The actors in the film aren't very good.
  - 5 The writer only recommends the film for people who like superhero films.

- 4 Look at the *Key Language* for a review. Find words in the review to complete it.

#### KEY LANGUAGE FOR A REVIEW

##### Saying what a film is about:

It's about ..., It<sup>1</sup> ..... the story of ...

##### Giving more details of the story:

The story<sup>2</sup> ..... place in ..., The film is set in ...

##### Giving details about the actors:

The film stars ... as ..., The main character is<sup>3</sup> ..... by ...

##### Talking about individual parts of the film:

the scenery, the acting, the action scenes, the costumes, the soundtrack, the<sup>4</sup> ..... effects

##### Adjectives to show how the film makes you feel:

exciting,<sup>5</sup> ....., scary, sad

##### Strong adjectives to give your opinion of the film:

amazing, awful,<sup>6</sup> ....., excellent, fantastic, great, terrible, wonderful

##### Giving your opinion:

I think, In my opinion,

##### Making recommendations:

You<sup>7</sup> ..... (definitely) watch..., Go and see ..., I promise you'll enjoy ...

- 5 Match the words for parts of a film to the meanings.

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|-------------------|---|
| 1 scenery         | A The parts of the film where exciting things happen.             |
| 2 acting          | B The clothes that the actors wear.                               |
| 3 action scenes   | C The places that you see in the film.                            |
| 4 costumes        | D The way that computers are used to make exciting things happen. |
| 5 soundtrack      | E The way the actors act.   |
| 6 special effects | F The music that you hear during the film.                        |

- 6 Complete the sentences from a review with one word in each space. Check your answers in the *Key Language box*.

- 1 The film ..... the story of a boy from New York.
- 2 The film is ..... on Mars 50 years in the future.
- 3 The film ..... Nathan Black as a young musician.
- 4 I ..... this is an excellent film.
- 5 ..... and see this film! You won't be disappointed!

**7 Complete the parts of reviews with the correct adjectives. There are two adjectives you don't need.**

awful disappointed exciting funny  
imaginary sad scary

- 1 It's a really ..... film – I couldn't stop laughing from the beginning to the end!
- 2 This film was .....! There was nothing good about it and I didn't enjoy it at all!
- 3 The ending was really ..... – it made me cry!
- 4 The action scenes were really fast and .....!
- 5 If you love ..... films, you'll love this – I had to cover my eyes sometimes because I was terrified!

**8 You are going to write a review of a film that you liked. Answer the questions to make notes.**

- What kind of film is it?
- What is it about?
- Where does it take place?
- Who is the main character? Who is he / she played by?
- Who are the other characters?
- What is especially good about the film? (action scenes, acting, costumes, special effects, etc.)
- What adjectives can you use to describe the film?
- Why would you recommend this film?

**9 Write your review. Use your notes from Exercise 8.**

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