

What did you think of the film?

➔ Samantha's teacher has asked the students in her class to write a **review** of a film that they have seen and enjoyed. This is what Samantha wrote.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the sixth film in the Harry Potter series, is based on J.K. Rowling's book of the same name. This action-packed fantasy film, which once again stars Daniel Radcliffe in the leading role, is directed by David Yates.

Harry Potter and the HBP is set in England and it continues the story of Harry and his friends Ron and Hermione and their struggle to stop the evil wizard, Lord Voldemort. Harry, who is now in his sixth year at Hogwarts School of Magic, finds an old school book that once belonged to someone called the Half-Blood Prince. With this book, Harry is able to increase his knowledge of magic, which he hopes will help him to defeat Lord Voldemort. However, he must first help Professor Dumbledore find out what Voldemort is up to and also find the time to fall in love with Ron's sister, Ginny.

The acting is excellent and the three main characters give some brilliant performances. There is also plenty of humour and some spectacular special effects. This film, however, is much darker and more violent than previous Harry Potter films and is therefore unsuitable for younger children. The ending of the film is totally unexpected, and completely different from the one in the book.

In my opinion, *Harry Potter and the HBP* is a must for all Harry Potter fans, although some may be disappointed due to the differences between the film and the book. I would definitely recommend it!

Match the people with what they do.

- 1 Daniel Radcliffe
- 2 David Yates
- 3 J.K. Rowling

- A Director
- B Writer
- C Actor



LANGUAGE ACTIVATOR

1 Find words in the **review** that mean:

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 exciting (<i>paragraph 1</i>) _____ | 5 beat (<i>paragraph 2</i>) _____ |
| 2 most important (<i>paragraph 1</i>) _____ | 6 excellent (<i>paragraph 3</i>) _____ |
| 3 fight (<i>paragraph 2</i>) _____ | 7 amazing (<i>paragraph 3</i>) _____ |
| 4 make sth greater (<i>paragraph 2</i>) _____ | 8 surprising (<i>paragraph 3</i>) _____ |

2 Match the types of films with the definitions.

1 Adventure Film



2 Disaster Film



3 Horror Film



4 Romance



5 Spy Film



6 Thriller



7 War Film



8 Western



A a film in which frightening things happen

B a film full of suspense about murder or crime

C a film about cowboys in the Wild West

D a film about people fighting for their country

E an exciting film in which dangerous or unusual things happen

F a film about earthquakes, floods, volcanoes, etc.

G a film about people who find out secrets

H a film about people who fall in love



3 Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence.

at • for • in • of • to

1 There is a big surprise **at the end** _____ the film.

4 This film is **full** _____ funny moments.

2 This film is **suitable** _____ both children and adults.

5 The dog disappears _____ **the beginning** of the film.

3 They get married _____ **the end**.

6 The film is very exciting **from beginning** _____ **end**.

4 Fill in the correct verb in the appropriate form to complete the sentence.

give • perform • play (x2) • set • star • take • tell

1 George Clooney _____ **the leading role**.

2 Gary Oldman _____ **a really poor performance** as the wicked wizard.

3 Both Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie _____ **in the film**.

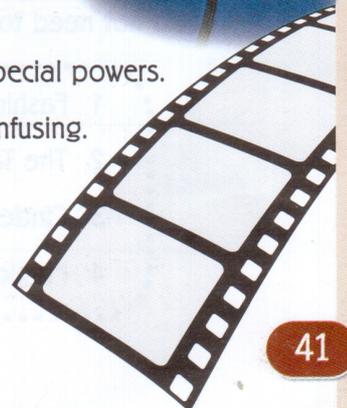
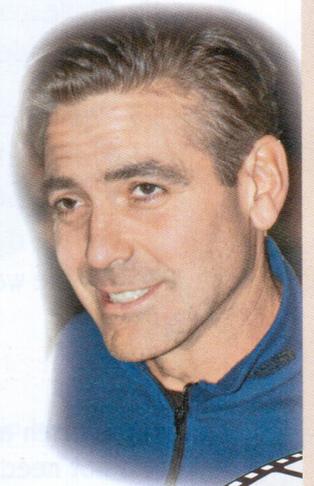
4 The film _____ **the story of** a young boy and his dog, which has special powers.

5 Very few of the actors _____ **well**, and the storyline is extremely confusing.

6 The story _____ **place in** three different countries.

7 The film **is** _____ **in** Italy and there is plenty of beautiful scenery.

8 The hero **is** _____ **by** an unknown actor.





WRITE

PLANNING A REVIEW

1 Look at the **review** on page 40 again. Match each paragraph with what it is about.

Introduction

Main Body - Paragraph 2

Main Body - Paragraph 3

Conclusion



a gives an opinion of the film

b describes the good / bad points of the film

c introduces the film

d describes the plot

2 The following expressions can be used to give an opinion / make a recommendation about a film. Tick (✓) 😊 if the expression is positive or ☹️ if it is negative.

1 I wouldn't bother going.

2 You'll love it.

3 You won't enjoy it.

4 It's not worth the money.

5 Don't miss it!

6 Don't bother with this one.

7 It's a must.

8 You must see it.





3 Join the following sentences, using the word given.

1 Lucy knows she has to stop the evil witch. She asks her friends to help her. **SO**
Lucy knows she has to stop the evil witch, so she asks her friends to help her.

2 The film is full of suspense. Sometimes it is a little frightening. **AND**
The film is full of suspense and sometimes it is a little frightening.

3 It's not worth seeing. The actors don't perform well. **BECAUSE**
It's not worth seeing because the actors don't perform well.

4 Using a variety of different adjectives will make a **review** more interesting. Choose the words which mean almost the same as the word in colour.

1	exciting	thrilling	action-packed	suitable	gripping
2	bad	silly	poor	disappointing	tiring
3	surprising	entertaining	unexpected	memorable	unpredictable
4	frightening	scary	realistic	horrifying	terrifying



COMMON ERRORS

Choose the correct word(s) to complete the sentence.

- The film hasn't got a happy **end / ending** as the hero dies.
- It takes **place / part** in 1485.
- I'm sure it is playing **in / at** a cinema near you.
- I **have to see / haven't seen** such great special effects since *Star Wars*.
- The story is **about / for** three children who meet an alien in the woods.
- In this film, Superman is **played / acted** by Joseph Reed.
- The film is **set / placed** in Ireland.
- The film **says / tells** the story of a doctor who goes to work in a hospital in Africa.

► Preparation for the Writing Task

Imagine your teacher has asked you to write a **review** about a film you have seen recently. Write notes next to the following questions.

Introduction

- What is the name of the film? _____
- What kind of film is it? _____
- Do you know who the director is? _____
- Who stars in the leading role? _____

Main Body - Paragraph 2

- Where is the film set? _____
- What is the story about? _____
- Which actors give a good / bad performance? _____

Main Body - Paragraph 3

- Does the film have any of the following?
 - ▮ good / confusing storyline _____
 - ▮ boring scenes _____
 - ▮ humour _____
 - ▮ good / bad special effects _____
 - ▮ frightening / violent scenes _____
 - ▮ an unexpected ending _____
- Is the film suitable for both children and adults? _____

Conclusion

- What is your opinion of the film? _____
- Would you recommend it? Why? _____