

# Unit 8: FILMS

## A. PHONETICS

Put the words in the correct column according to the pronunciation of the ending *-ed*.

<i>washed</i>	<i>looked</i>	<i>stopped</i>	<i>needed</i>	<i>wanted</i>	<i>decided</i>
<i>volunteered</i>	<i>played</i>	<i>watched</i>	<i>raised</i>	<i>appeared</i>	<i>laughed</i>
<i>moved</i>	<i>fascinated</i>	<i>starred</i>	<i>convinced</i>	<i>shocked</i>	<i>interested</i>

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## B. VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR

*role   actors   favourite   extras   director   thriller   star   scene*

### I. Complete the text with the words given in the box.

My (1) \_\_\_\_\_ film this year was *Zero Game*, the latest (2) \_\_\_\_\_ by (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Xi Dong. It has several well-known Chinese (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and one real (5) \_\_\_\_\_, Li Mu Bai, who plays the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of the policeman who has to catch a thief, Jun Fat. Li Mu Bai is brilliant. In the best (7) \_\_\_\_\_, he chases Jun Fat across the city on a motorbike, watched by thousands of (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

**Sam:** What (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of film is *Shaun of the Dead*?

**Woman:** It's a (2) \_\_\_\_\_. It's very funny, but it's also a horror film and it's very frightening sometimes.

**Sam:** Oh, I don't mind films that are scary. What other films are on?

**Woman:** There's *The Princess and the Frog*. It's an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ film from Disney.

**Sam:** What's it about?

**Woman:** It's about a princess who lives in New Orleans.

**Sam:** No, I don't want to watch a (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Woman:** There's an American film which is very good. It's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ *The Pursuit of Happiness*. A man goes to New York, where he has to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ his son and go to work. He has lots of (7) \_\_\_\_\_, but it's a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ film. *Will Smith* is in it.

**Sam:** OK. Two (9) \_\_\_\_\_, please. How (10) \_\_\_\_\_ is that?

**Woman:** That's \$20.

### III. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ book and I'm \_\_\_\_\_ every time I start reading it. (bore)
2. I was very \_\_\_\_\_ in the lesson because our teacher is very \_\_\_\_\_ in history. (interest)
3. We were all very \_\_\_\_\_ about the school trip but it wasn't an \_\_\_\_\_ trip at all. (excite)
4. Studying for exams is very \_\_\_\_\_. I get \_\_\_\_\_ when I open my school books. (tire)

5. My friend is a very \_\_\_\_\_ sort of person but he hates doing \_\_\_\_\_ activities. (relax)

**IV. Complete the conversations with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.**

1. **A:** Was it a good film?

**B:** No, it wasn't very (interest) \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, it was really (bore) \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **A:** I'm always very (tire) \_\_\_\_\_ after a day at work. I can't do anything in the evening.

**B:** Why don't you watch a film?

**A:** I always fall asleep. Sometimes, I put on the most (excite) \_\_\_\_\_ film that I really want to see but I always fall asleep

3. **A:** I'm an actor. Acting is a very (tire) \_\_\_\_\_ job. It isn't (relax) \_\_\_\_\_ at all. Are you (relax) \_\_\_\_\_?

**B:** No way. I'm a worker.

**V. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the adjectives in the box.**

<i>bore (x2)</i>	<i>excite</i>	<i>interest</i>	<i>relax</i>	<i>tire</i>
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1. I'm \_\_\_\_\_. I have nothing to do.

2. "Do you think yoga is \_\_\_\_\_?" - "Oh, yes. It's great. All my problems go after an hour of yoga."

3. I'm \_\_\_\_\_. I didn't sleep last night.

4. The film was \_\_\_\_\_. Nothing happened.

5. Ben was very \_\_\_\_\_ about his birthday presents. He woke up at 5 a.m. and wanted to open them then.

6. This is a very \_\_\_\_\_ book about the history of the cinema. I'm learning a lot.

**VI. Complete the sentences, using *although*, *despite*, *in spite of*, *however*, or *nevertheless*. Sometimes, two answers are possible.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining heavily, he went out without a raincoat.

2. My father is very busy. \_\_\_\_\_, he is always willing to give a hand with the housework.

3. Some English words have the same pronunciation \_\_\_\_\_ they are spelled differently, for example, *dear* and *deer*.

4. I was cold and wet. \_\_\_\_\_, Bob put on his swimming suit and went to the beach.

5. I think I did OK in my speech last night \_\_\_\_\_ I'd had almost no sleep for 24 hours.

6. Carol arrived at the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ I asked her not to be there.

7. The sky was grey and cloudy. \_\_\_\_\_, we went to the beach.

8. It looks like they're going to succeed \_\_\_\_\_ their present difficulties.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ there was no electricity, I was able to read because I had a candle.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ I heard the telephone ring, I didn't answer it.

**VII. Rewrite the sentences, using the words in the brackets. Change other words in the sentence if necessary.**

1. I couldn't sleep. I was tired. (in spite of)

\_\_\_\_\_

2. They have little money. They are happy. (despite)

\_\_\_\_\_

3. My foot was hurt. I managed to walk to the nearest village. (although)

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4. We planned to visit Petronasin the afternoon. We could not afford the fee. (however)

\_\_\_\_\_

5. I got very wet in the rain. I had an umbrella. (although)

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**VIII. Rearrange the words in the correct order to describe the films.**

1. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*

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2. *TheIncredibles*

are/ are/ who/ They/ all/ family/ superheroes/ a.

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3. *The Island of Dr Moreau*

place/ to/ a/ wants/ go/ where/ It's/ no one.

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4. *Alien*

a/ on/ about/ a/ lives/ monster/ spaceship/ It's/ which.

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5. *Atlantis: The Lost Empire*

named Milo Thatch/ of Atlantis/ A team/ find/ a scientist/ of people/ the lost empire/ help.

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**C. SPEAKING**

**I. Match the answers to the questions below, and write your answers in the blanks.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 1/ Who's your favourite actress?

\_\_\_\_\_ 2/ When did you last go to the concert?

\_\_\_\_\_ 3/ Did you enjoy the film?

\_\_\_\_\_ 4/ What kind of music do you like?

\_\_\_\_\_ 5/ Do you like ballet?

\_\_\_\_\_ 6/ What was the last book you read?

- a. The last book I read was *His Dark Materials* by Philip Pullman - it was absolutely brilliant.
- b. I last went to a concert about three weeks ago - some friends were in a concert at my school.
- c. I like different kinds of music but especially rock music - my favourite group are the *Red Hot Chili Peppers*.
- d. I really like Cameron Diaz - she's really pretty and really funny and I think she's a very good actress.
- e. It was okay ... not fantastic.
- f. Yes, actually. I love ballet, my favourite is *Swan Lake*.

**II. Use the questions to interview two students from another group. Make a note of their answers.**

1. What kind of films do you like? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who's your favourite actor/ actress? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When did you last go to the cinema? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did you see? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who was in it? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Did you enjoy it? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Who was it by? \_\_\_\_\_

**D. READING**

**I. Read the conversation, and then answer the questions.**

**Susan:** Sorry, guys, the Batman film's sold out. Which film will we see instead?

**Linda:** How about this? It's called *Girl of my Dreams*. It's about a young man who dreamt about a perfect girl. The next day he went to the bookshop where he met a girl called Nina.

**Nick:** That's a love story. No, thank you!

**Paul:** What about *Journey into Space*? It's about some spacemen who go to Mars.

**Linda:** Mm. It doesn't sound very exciting. Is there anything else on?

**Susan:** How about *The Pyramid*? It's a horror film about a monster in an Egyptian pyramid which comes alive.

**Paul:** OK, that's better. Shall I get the tickets?

**Susan:** Yes, but let's hurry. It's half past five. The next performance starts in five minutes.

1. Which film do they want to see at first?  
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2. Why can't they see it?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which films do Linda, Paul, and Susan suggest that they see?  
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4. What types of film are they?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Which film do they agree to see?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**II. Read the passage, and then answer the questions.**

*Pirates of the Caribbean*

Captain Jack Sparrow is a pirate. He has a ship called the Black Pearl. One day, he goes to Jamaica, where he sees a beautiful woman, Elizabeth. Then Jack meets Will, who loves Elizabeth too. Jack, Will, and Elizabeth look for pirate treasure. The treasure is on the island Isla de Muerta. They must fight the pirate Captain Barbarossa, who has the treasure. Captain Jack wins and they all go back to Jamaica. There, Elizabeth tells Will that she loves him.

1. Is Captain Jack Sparrow a pirate? What is the name of his ship?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who loves Elizabeth? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who has the treasure? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Who wins the treasure? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who does Elizabeth love? \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Read the film review, and then answer the questions.**



*A Kid in King Arthur's Court* is directed by Michael Gottlieb. The main character in the film is a teenager called Calvin Fuller. Calvin is played by Thomas Ian Nicholas. This film is a modern retelling of Mark Twain's classic book *Connecticut Yankee*.

Calvin lives in California, USA. He is a very shy boy and he is not very good at sports. At the beginning of the film, Calvin is playing baseball when there is a terrible earthquake. A hole opens in the ground and Calvin falls through it. He lands in the past, in the time of King Arthur.

Calvin meets King Arthur and Merlin, the wizard. King Arthur is played by Joss Ackland and Merlin is played by Ron Moody. They think that Calvin is amazing because he plays them modern music on his CD player and he shows them how to make rollerblades and a mountain bike. Calvin is trained to be a knight and he becomes more confident. Calvin helps King Arthur to beat his enemy, Lord Belasco, and then Merlin sends Calvin back to the future. Calvin finds himself back in the baseball game, but this time he wins the game.

The special effects in *A Kid in King Arthur's Court* are very good. Michael Gottlieb is a great director and the actors' performances are good. The film is funny and exciting. It's a comedy, a drama, and an action film all in one.

1. What type is the film "*A Kid in King Arthur's Court*"?

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2. Who is the main character? By whom is it played?

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3. Who is the director of the film? Is he a good director?

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4. What is Calvin doing when the earthquake happens?

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5. How can he land in the time of King Arthur?

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6. Why do King Arthur and Merlin think that Calvin is amazing?

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7. Who is Calvin trained to become?

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8. What does Calvin do to help King Arthur?

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9. How can Calvin come back to the present time?

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10. How are the special effects in the film?

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11. How are the actors' performances?

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12. What does the writer think about the film?

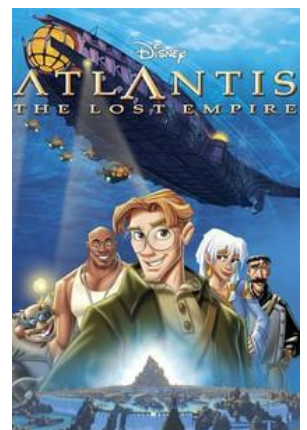
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## E. WRITING

### I. Write the film review, using the following cues.

#### A Film Review

- **What kind the film is:** a Disney cartoon film
- **What the title of the film is:** *Atlantis: The Lost Empire*
- **Who the film is directed by:** *Gary Trousdale and Kirk Wise*
- **Who the main character is:** a scientist named Milo Thatch
- **Who the characters are played by:** Milo's voice is played by *Michael J. Fox*
- **A short description of the plot (the story):** A rich man gives Milo a submarine and a team of people to help him find the *Lost Empire of Atlantis*. After some exciting adventures, Milo and his team find Atlantis. But Atlantis is in trouble. Milo has to save it.
- **Details of special effects/ costumes/ music, etc.:** The music in this film is amazing.
- **What we think is good or bad about the film:** The film is sometimes scary, but it is very exciting.



- A recommendation (advice about whether your classmates should watch this film and who will enjoy it): If you like action films and cartoons, you will love *Atlantis: The Lost Empire*.

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II. Read the information in the table about two actors from the UK, then write a short paragraph for each of them.

Name	Emma Watson	Dev Patel
Date and place of birth	1990, Paris	1990, London
Title of film	Harry Potter films	Slumdog Millionaire
Year(s)	2001 - 2009	2009
Other actors	Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint	Freida Pinto

Emma Watson was born \_\_\_\_\_

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Dev Patel was \_\_\_\_\_

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## TEST (UNIT 8)

### I. Find the word which has a different sound in the part underlined.

1. A.picked                      B.clicked                      C.promised                      D.delivered
2. A.wanted                      B.developed                      C.needed                      D.included
3. A.jumped                      B.loved                      C.washed                      D.liked
4. A.actor                      B.acting                      C.address                      D.action
5. A.long                      B.boring                      C.shocked                      D.comedy

### II. Find which word does not belong to each group.

6. A.interesting                      B.exhausting                      C.tired                      D.exciting
7. A. actor                      B.comedy                      C.director                      D.editor
8. A.entertaining                      B.exciting                      C.shocking                      D.acting
9. A.despite                      B.in spite of                      C.because of                      D.although
10. A.plot                      B.documentary                      C.horror                      D.thriller

### III. Choose the correct answer.

11. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a film that shows real life events or stories.  
A.action                      B.documentary                      C.thriller                      D.comedy
12. I found the book so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't put it down.  
A.gripping                      B.boring                      C.tiring                      D.shocking
13. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a film that tries to make audiences laugh.  
A.horror                      B.sci-fi                      C.comedy                      D.documentary
14. The end of the film was so \_\_\_\_\_ that many people cried.  
A.shocking                      B.moving                      C.exciting                      D.boring
15. Mr. Bean's Holiday is a \_\_\_\_\_ film - I was laughing from beginning to end.  
A.hilarious                      B.violent                      C.scary                      D.moving
16. \_\_\_\_\_ they spent a lot of money on the film, it wasn't a big success.  
A.However                      B.Nevertheless                      C.When                      D.Although
17. Last night, I didn't go to bed early \_\_\_\_\_ being very tired.  
A.despite of                      B.in spite of                      C.although                      D.because of
18. Not many people went to see the film; \_\_\_\_\_, it received good reviews from critics.  
A.however                      B.despite                      C.but                      D.although
19. We found the plot of the film \_\_\_\_\_.  
A.bored                      B.boring                      C.interested                      D.acting
20. We were \_\_\_\_\_ with the latest film of that director.  
A.satisfy                      B.satisfying                      C.satisfactory                      D.satisfied

### IV. Complete the sentences, using *although*, *despite*, *in spite of*, *however*, or *nevertheless*. Sometimes, two answers are possible.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ difficulties, the firemen managed to save many people who were caught in the fire.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ he got top marks at high school, he never went to university.
23. She failed the test \_\_\_\_\_ she studied hard.
24. Everyone thought she would accept the offer. \_\_\_\_\_, she turned it down.
25. We enjoyed our holiday \_\_\_\_\_ the rain.

**V. Rewrite the sentences, using the words in the brackets. Change other words in the sentence if necessary.**

26. The new restaurant looks good. It seems to have few customers. (however)

27. We had planned to walk right round the lake. The heavy rain made this impossible. (although)

28. I've been too busy to answer my email. I'll do it soon. (nevertheless)

29. Mary was sick. She didn't leave the meeting until it ended. (despite)

30. We live in the same street. We rarely see each other, (in spite of)

**VI. Complete the sentences with the words in the box.**

<i>action</i>	<i>animated</i>	<i>comedy</i>	<i>horror</i>	<i>western</i>
<i>musical</i>	<i>romance</i>	<i>film</i>	<i>science-fiction</i>	<i>drama</i>

31. We are going to the cinema to see a \_\_\_\_\_.

32. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a play in a theatre or on television or radio, or plays and acting generally.

33. There are always cowboys in a \_\_\_\_\_.

34. I love \_\_\_\_\_ films. They're very exciting.

35. Have you ever seen this \_\_\_\_\_? It's really funny.

36. *Dracula* is the best \_\_\_\_\_ film I've ever seen.

37. My favourite \_\_\_\_\_ films have beings from Mars.

38. I watched this \_\_\_\_\_ last week. The singing and dancing are great.

39. The *Lion King* is an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ film. I love cartoons.

40. He falls in love with a pretty girl. It's a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. Fill in each blank in the conversation with ONE suitable word.**

*Mai:* We're going to (41) \_\_\_\_\_ a movie this weekend. Will you (42) \_\_\_\_\_ with us?

*Hoa:* That's a good idea. Yes, I'd love (43) \_\_\_\_\_.

*Mai:* There's a good movie (44) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Thang Loi Cinema (45) \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday evening.

*Hoa:* Where would you like to meet?

*Mai:* Let's meet (46) \_\_\_\_\_ Lan's house, and we all go to the cinema together.

*Hoa:* Do you also (47) \_\_\_\_\_ Lant to go to the cinema?

*Mai:* Yes. Can we go to her house (48) \_\_\_\_\_ seven o'clock?

*Hoa:* OK. I'll (49) \_\_\_\_\_ you then. Bye.

*Mai:* OK. (50) \_\_\_\_\_.

**VIII. Number the lines of the conversation in the correct order from 51 to 60. The first (0) has been done for you as an example.**

A/ **Linda:** Well, let's go to the cinema! What's on, do you know?

B/ **Tara:** 7.30. Yeah, perfect. Well, why don't we have drink first, then go at 7.30?

0 C/ **Linda:** Tara, do you want to go out tomorrow night?

D/ **Tara:** Yeah, great. I love Johnny Depp! What time is it on? Have you got a newspaper?

E/ **Linda:** Okay, that's a good idea. Where do you want to meet for a drink?

F/ **Linda:** Yeah, here. Erm, let's see. It's on at either 7.30 or 9.30. What do you think?

G/ **Linda:** OK, Tara. But I haven't got much money.



- H/ Linda:** Mmm, I don't really like that sort of thing. How about the new Johnny Depp film? My sister saw it last week and she thought it was really good.
- I/ Tara:** There's an old Star Wars film - why don't we go and see that?
- J/ Tara:** How about Macy's? It's near the cinema. Let's meet at about 7.00. Is that OK for you?
- K/ Tara:** Good idea! I feel bored, now. I'd like to do something different.

**IX. Read the film review, and decide whether the statements are true (T), or false (F), and tick the correct box.**

Have you ever read *Alice In Wonderland*, by Lewis Carol? I did and I really like it. It's an adventure story full of magic and danger. Yesterday I saw Tim Burton's version of the film at the cinema.



This story is about Alice, who is now a teenager. A man wants to marry her, but she runs away and falls down a rabbit hole. She travels to Wonderland, which she has visited before as a child, and meets a lot of amazing characters on her adventures.

There are a lot of good special effects in the film. The Red Queen, played by Helena Bonham Carter, is very scary, and Johnny Depp is brilliant as the Mad Hatter. He has acted in a lot of films before but this is my favourite one. Mia Wasikowska is good as Alice; this is her first big film and I think she's going to become a big star!

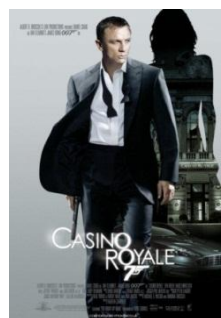
Overall, I think this is a good film for teenagers, but it's a bit long. You should see it if you like fantasy and adventure, but don't go if you like romances: it's not a love story.

*Charlie, Manchester, UK*

- |   | <b>True</b>              | <b>False</b>             |
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| 61. <i>Wonderland</i> was directed by Lewis Carol.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 62. The film is both an adventure story and a love story.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 63. Alice is still in her childhood.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 64. Alice has never been to Wonderland before.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 65. She meets a lot of amazing people in Wonderland.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 66. The special effects in the films are good.                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 67. The Red Queen is very friendly.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 68. The Mad Hatter is played by Johnny Depp                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 69. Johnny Depp played his first role in this film.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 70. The writer of the report thinks that the film is a good film for teenagers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**X. Read the passage, and then answer the questions.**

***My favourite actors***



I like a lot of different actors, but my real favourites are Daniel Craig and Halle Berry.

Daniel Craig is British and he's a really talented actor. He's been in a lot of different kinds of films including action adventure, science fiction, and romantic drama, but he always gives an excellent performance. He was brilliant in *Tomb Raider* as *Alex West*, but my favourite film is *Casino Royale*. I think Daniel Craig is a fantastic James Bond.

Halle Berry is American. She was a model, but then decided to become an actress. I like her because she's beautiful. She's a good actress and I think she has a great sense of humour. I'm not keen on some of her films, such as *Catwoman*, but her other films are excellent. My favourite is *X-Men* which is a science fiction film. She plays the main character *Storm*, who has the ability to change the weather.

Daniel Craig and Halle Berry are both entertaining and talented actors. I love watching their films.

*Nick, London, UK*

71. What are Nick's favourite actors?

72. Where does Daniel Craig come from?

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73. What kinds of films has he played?

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74. What is his role in *Tomb Raider*?

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75. What Daniel Craig's film does Nick like best? Why?

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76. Where does Halle Berry come from?

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77. What was her job before she became an actress?

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78. Why does Nick like Halle Berry?

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79. What Halle Berry's film does Nick like best?

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80. What is her role in that film?

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