



VOCABULARY BANK

Arts, Music and Entertainment

Arts, Music and Entertainment | Bank 1: films, books and reviews | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Quick confidence check

Before you study the topic, mark the column that best describes your confidence with each word or phrase.

Word or phrase	New to me	I recognise it	I can use it
plot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
character	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
setting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
audience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
recommend a film	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
write a review	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
special effects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
main message	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
acting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
director	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
memorable scene	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
be based on	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2. Vocabulary bank

Here are some useful words, adjectives, verbs and chunks that can be reused in exam answers. If you are not sure of their meaning, check online or ask your teacher.

Category	Useful vocabulary
Stories	plot, character, setting, main message, memorable scene, be based on
Film and books	director, acting, special effects, audience, favourite genre, come out
Reviews	recommend a film, write a review, give an opinion, describe the ending, explain why, worth watching
Opinion chunks	The best part is..., I would recommend it because..., The story is set in..., The main character is..., It is suitable for...

3. Match the meaning

Match each word or phrase with the correct meaning. Then choose four and write your own examples.

No.	Word or phrase	Meaning
1	plot	a. the people who watch, read or listen to something
2	setting	b. the most important idea in a story or film
3	audience	c. the main events in a story, film or book
4	special effects	d. use something real or another story as the starting point
5	main message	e. the place or time where a story happens
6	be based on	f. images or sounds created to make a film more exciting

4. Build useful chunks

Choose useful chunks from the grid. Then write three natural sentences you could use in a speaking or writing answer.

Useful chunk	Useful chunk	Useful chunk
strong plot	main character	memorable scene
special effects	write a review	recommend a film
be based on	favourite genre	worth watching

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Read in context

Read the text. The bold words are from the vocabulary bank.

Choosing a Film to Review

When students **write a review**, they should not only retell the story. A good review explains the **plot** clearly but also gives an opinion.

It helps to mention the **setting** and the main character, especially if these details make the film unusual or interesting for the **audience**.

Some films are popular because of their **special effects**, but the acting and the **main message** can be just as important.

If a film is **based on** a book or a true story, students can compare the versions briefly. They should finish by saying whether they would recommend it and why.

6. Check your understanding

Answer the questions in your own words. Use the vocabulary bank where it fits naturally.

READING CHECK

1. What should a good review do besides retell the story?

2. Why might the setting and main character be important?

3. What can be as important as special effects?

4. How should students finish a film review?

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

What does 'plot' mean?

- A. The main events in a story, film or book
- B. The person who watches a film
- C. The music in a film
- D. A short advertisement

What is the writer's main advice?

- A. A review should include clear details and a personal opinion.
- B. A review should only describe special effects.
- C. A review should never mention the story.
- D. A review should always be negative.

7. Use the vocabulary

Task	What to do
Speaking 1	Describe a film or book you would recommend.
Speaking 2	Discuss this question: Are film versions usually better than books?
Writing	Write a short paragraph recommending a film, book or series.
Review	Return to the confidence table. Choose one item you want to improve and write a clear example sentence.

8. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

- What makes a film memorable?
- Do you prefer films with strong plots or exciting special effects?
- Should students read reviews before watching a film?
- What kind of character is interesting to follow?
- Can entertainment teach people important messages?

**ANSWER KEY**

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3. Match the meaning

1. c = the main events in a story, film or book
2. e = the place or time where a story happens
3. a = the people who watch, read or listen to something
4. f = images or sounds created to make a film more exciting
5. b = the most important idea in a story or film
6. d = use something real or another story as the starting point

6. Check your understanding

1. It should explain the plot clearly and give an opinion.
 2. They can make the film unusual or interesting for the audience.
 3. The acting and the main message can be just as important.
 4. They should say whether they would recommend it and why.
- MCQ 1: A. The main events in a story, film or book.
- MCQ 2: A. A review should include clear details and a personal opinion.