

Films in English

1 Listen and read. Find titles of eight films.

Which of these films have you seen?  116

Do you like watching films? Many of the most popular films are produced by big American film companies. Some successful films are also made in other countries, such as the UK, Australia and New Zealand.



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Hollywood is in an area of Los Angeles in California, US. It has been the centre of the American film industry for about 90 years. Going to Los Angeles is a great experience because there is so much to do and see there. When you visit, you can go to a film studio and find out how a film is made. You can also visit the Hollywood Walk of Fame and see the names of the most famous actors written in stars on the pavement.



2

Some of the films produced by the big American film companies are filmed in other countries. For example, when they made *The Chronicles of Narnia*, many of the scenes were filmed in New Zealand. And *X-Men: First Class*, starring James McAvoy, was filmed in England.

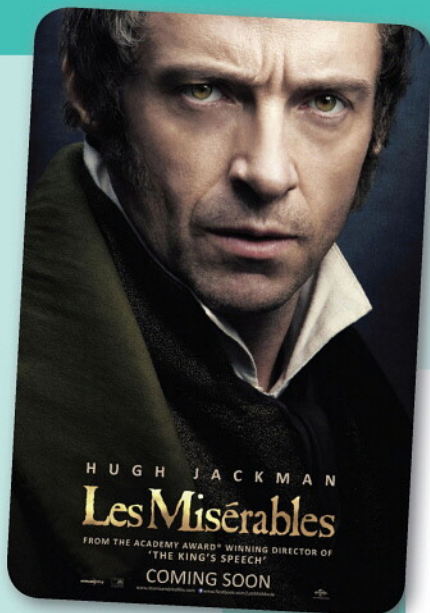
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India has the biggest film industry in the world. It's called Bollywood. Most Indian films are in Hindi because this is the most widely spoken language.



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Other English-speaking countries, including the UK and Australia, also have their own film industries. Some famous Australian actors include Sam Worthington (*Avatar*) and Hugh Jackman (*Les Misérables*). Which actors do you know from these countries?



Let's talk about Films in English!

Use **because** to help explain why something happens.

Going to Los Angeles is a great experience **because** there is so much to do and see there.

Use **when** to talk about things that happen at the same time.

When *Toy Story* was made, it was the first film created on a computer.

2 Read again. Answer the questions.

1 Which place is the centre of the American film industry?

Hollywood

2 What can you see on the Hollywood Walk of Fame?

3 Where was *X-Men: First Class* filmed?

4 What was the first film to be created on a computer?

3 Talk about films with your partner. Ask and answer.

What's your favourite film? Why?

What job would you most like to do in the film industry?

What do you usually eat and drink in the cinema?

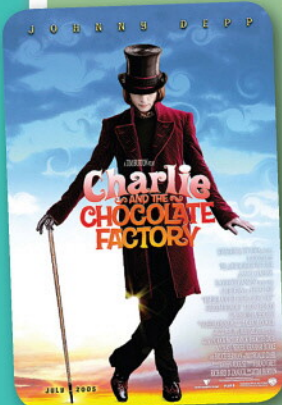


What's your favourite film and why?

I love *Toy Story* because it's really exciting and fun to watch.



Blockbusters



Many old, successful films have been remade in the last 20 years because technology has improved. For example, when CGI (computer-generated imagery) became popular and cheaper, many studios began to remake classics like *King Kong* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. These are now modern blockbusters!

The Hobbit films and *Lord of the Rings* films are a series of fantasy films. They were filmed in New Zealand.



The *Toy Story* films are some of the most popular animated adventure films. When *Toy Story* was made, it was the first film created on a computer. The same studio also made *The Incredibles* and *Monsters University*.



4 Write about your favourite film. Draw a scene.



My favourite film is *Rio*. It's an animated adventure story about a pet macaw called Blu that never learned to fly. He meets Jewel, who ...

Canada

- 1 Listen and read Jack's interview for his school magazine. Where in Canada did Lucy visit?  117

This month, we are focusing on English-speaking countries around the world. Jack Lewis is interviewing fellow student Lucy Ryan about her recent trip to Canada.

Jack Hi, Lucy. Thank you for agreeing to this interview. I know you only arrived home this morning. It was a long plane journey, wasn't it?

Lucy Yes, it was. The flight took eight hours.

Jack You hadn't been to Canada before, had you?

Lucy No, I hadn't. It was a great experience. I went to the Rocky Mountains.

Jack Can you tell us something about them?

Lucy Yes. The Rockies are a huge and beautiful mountain range. They stretch for nearly 5,000 km, and go from Canada, through the United States and then Mexico. The highest peak is Mount Robson. You can see forests, waterfalls, rivers and all kinds of wonderful things there.

Jack You went to a national park there, didn't you?

Lucy Yes, I did. I visited the Jasper National Park, which is a large national park in Canada. There's some amazing wildlife there.

Jack You didn't see a bear, did you?

Lucy No, I didn't. But I saw an elk. It was amazing! I also saw deer and a pack of coyotes.

Jack Tell me some more about Canadian culture. What about the Mounties? Who are they?

Lucy Well, the Mounties are the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They're famous for their scarlet uniforms and Stetson hats and, of course, their horses. I suppose it's easier to travel around the mountains when you're on a horse!

Jack And what about food? Maple syrup came from Canada originally, didn't it?

Lucy Yes, it did. The aboriginal people collected it from plants. It came from North America, too, but Canada's the biggest producer today. It's lovely and sweet, and delicious on pancakes. I also enjoyed the smoked meat sandwiches. And my favourite dish was *poutine*. It's a traditional dish made of chips, cheese and gravy!

Jack Sounds delicious! Well, thank you for talking to me, Lucy.

Lucy You're welcome.



Let's talk about Canada!

Use question tags in the present or the past tense to mean "Am I right?" or "Do you agree?".

In sentences with the verbs *be* and *have*, we repeat the verb in the question tag.

It **was** a long plane journey, **wasn't** it?

You **hadn't** been to Canada before, **had** you?

In sentences with most other verbs, we use *do* / *did*.

You **went** to a national park there, **didn't** you?

2 Read again. Answer the questions.

- 1 How long was Lucy's flight?

It was eight hours long.

- 2 Which three countries are the Rocky Mountains in?

- 3 What animals did Lucy see in the national park?

- 4 What uniform do the Mounties wear?

- 5 What was Lucy's favourite Canadian food?

3 Look at the pictures. Ask and answer.



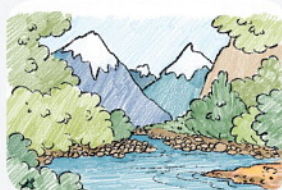
You went to Australia, didn't you?

Yes, I did.

You didn't go camping, did you?

No. I stayed in a hotel.

4 Write about a place you would like to visit. Think about the geography, wildlife, food, etc.



New Zealand is a beautiful place with many mountains, rivers, lakes and beaches. You can see lots of wildlife, including the kiwi. There are lots of lovely traditional foods ...

English around the World

- 1 Listen and read the text about languages.
Which three countries are the children from?



1

Atan, aged 12

I live in Singapore. There are four official languages in my country. These are: English, Mandarin, Malay and Tamil. English is the working language of the country. This means it's the main language taught in schools and used by business. My parents are Malay, so I speak Malay at home with my family, but I speak some Mandarin and some Tamil, too. I speak English a lot with my friends at school and when we go out. There are a lot of visitors and tourists in Singapore, so I often have the opportunity to speak English to them. I like knowing different languages, but I probably wouldn't learn another language unless I wanted to live in that country.



2

Malik, aged 12

I live in Jaipur, which is a city in Rajasthan in India. India has many different languages. There are 22 main languages and over 1,600 regional varieties. Hindi is the official language of India, but English is widely spoken, especially in government and education. It's often called the working language of India. Hindi is my first language, so I speak that at home with my family. I can also speak Rajasthani and English, which

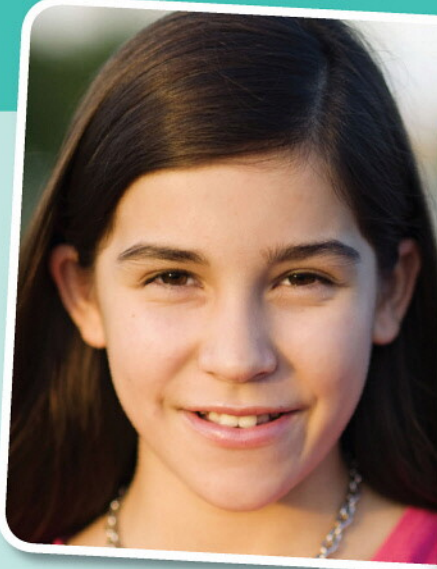
I learn at school. I love Indian films, but I like watching British and American films, too. I don't speak English at home unless we have English-speaking visitors. I have family in London so, when they visit us, I always speak English to them. I'd like to be a translator one day. I won't be successful unless I speak English fluently.



3

Pilar, aged 11

I live in San Francisco in California in the US. Almost 40 million people live here, and more than 50 per cent of them are Hispanic, Asian, Native American or from another group. This means people speak a lot of different languages. English is the most widely spoken language, but millions of people also speak Spanish. My parents were born in California, but my grandparents were born in Mexico and came here when they were young. We always speak Spanish at home, and so I'm bilingual. I speak English with all my friends, at school and out on the street. I watch programmes in English on TV all the time. I don't watch films in Spanish unless my parents are watching them. I love listening to British and American music, but I enjoy Latin music, too.

**Let's talk about languages!**

Unless has a similar meaning to **if not**.

We can use **unless** in conditional sentences with **don't**, **won't** and **wouldn't**.

I **don't speak** English at home **unless** we have English-speaking visitors.

I **won't** be successful **unless** I speak English fluently.

I probably **wouldn't** learn another language **unless** I wanted to live in that country.

2 Read again. Answer the questions.

- 1 How many official languages are there in Singapore?

There are four official languages.

- 2 What language does Atan speak at home?

- 3 How many languages does Malik speak?

- 4 When does he speak English at home?

- 5 Where were Pilar's parents born?

- 6 When does she watch Spanish films?

3 Talk about languages with your partner. Use the ideas in the box or your own.

... my British friend visits me.

... I went to live in China.

... my teacher asks me to.

I don't speak English at home unless my British friend visits me.

4 Write a paragraph about the languages you speak. Think about your official language(s), what you can speak and when you speak English.

I live in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. The official language of Brazil is Portuguese and my parents are both from Brazil, so I speak Portuguese most of the time. I also speak Spanish and I try to speak English when ...

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English is one of the main ways to communicate in the world. The main language used on the Internet is English. Also, 75 per cent of the world's letters and mail are in English!

