Listen to the film reviews to practice and improve your listening skills.

# Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

## Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

**Vocabulary Definition**

Listening: B2

Film reviews

1. …b… a character
2. …g… pace
3. …a… a sequel
4. …d… to set
5. …e… a poster
6. …h… special effects
7. …f… to cast
8. …c… the plot

## Task 1

* 1. the second, third, fourth, etc. of a film or book
  2. a person in a story
  3. the story
  4. to locate a film or book in a place
  5. a large picture to advertise a film
  6. to choose actors
  7. the speed of the events of a story
  8. computer graphics or other ways of making amazing scenes for films and television

Write the descriptions in the correct group.

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| is the second in the story | was better than the reviewer expected | has unrealistic characters | The reviewer hated it. |
| The reviewer felt sympathetic towards the characters. | made the reviewer feel like a child again | was what the reviewer expected | is a story a lot of people already know |
|  | | | |
| **the first film** | | **the second film** | |
| The reviewer hated it.  is the second in the story  has unrealistic characters  was what the reviewer expected | | was better than the reviewer expected  The reviewer felt sympathetic towards the characters.  made the reviewer feel like a child again  is a story a lot of people already know | |

## Task 2

Are the sentences true or false?

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| **Answer** | | |
| 1. The reviewer didn’t think she was going to enjoy the first film. | True |  |
| 2. The first scene of the first film is important for the rest of the film. |  | False |
| 3. The reviewer was glad the first film was set in a different country. |  | False |
| 4. There is another sequel planned for the first film. | True |  |
| 5. The reviewer had some doubts about the actors who were chosen for the second film. | True |  |
| 6. The second film made the reviewer think about her children. |  | False |

## Discussion

What was the last film you watched? What did you think of it?

# The last film I watched is Shutter Island. To be honest I really liked it, even if the plot is quite difficult to follow.

# The main characters are played by famous actors, such as Leonardo di Caprio and Murk Ruffalo and, thanks to their experience they really make the watcher enjoy the film.

# As I said, the plot is quite messy, but very interesting as it is full of plot twists that make your head spin.

# The setting is just wonderful: it perfectly represents the scenario of a thriller-horror story, without the needing of any special effect.

# I absolutely recommend it to anyone who wants to stick to the tv screen for a good time.