

IELTS Speaking – Topic 1.6: Films/Movies

Câu 1: Do you like films?

“Yes, I do, I like it a lot. I regard it as my best way of relaxing myself after a whole day’s work and study although it always kind of attracts me and ends up wasting my time with it.”

Ở câu này các bạn hoàn toàn có thể đưa ra thêm nhiều lý do tại sao lại thích xem phim luôn. Nhưng vì bên dưới mình có một câu tương tự nên mình không trả lời kỹ ở trên này nữa.

Các bạn cố gắng để ý sử dụng các cấu trúc như although, when, before, after hay các cấu trúc mệnh đề quan hệ nhé vì đây là những cấu trúc academic và quan trọng hơn nó rất dễ đưa vào câu trả lời của bạn.

Từ vựng:

regard st. as	xem cái gì như là
ends up	rốt cuộc là, cuối cùng là

Câu 2 : What kinds of films do you like best?

“I guess I have to go for romantic comedies. The main reason why I’m a big fan of this type is that I really adore the happy endings of those movies. You know, I like movies that can make me laugh and even keep me smiling for the next few days. That’s right, I’m that crazy. Haha. Besides, I’m also into some of the ones that keep me thinking all the way through too, “A Beautiful Mind” or “The Fifth Element”. And some classic old movies and American comedies are ok to me, too. Oh my god! I like everything.”

Một cấu trúc rất hay để trả lời cho câu hỏi what kinds đó là câu: “I guess I have to go for...”

Cấu trúc trả lời câu hỏi này hoàn toàn không có gì xa lạ với các bạn đúng không ạ.

Từ vựng

go for st.	chọn cái gì
be a big fan of	= like = adore = be into
romantic comedies	phim hài lãng mạn
drama	kịch
sci-fi (science fiction)	phim khoa học viễn tưởng
horror	phim kinh dị

detective	phim trinh thám
action	phim hành động
adventure	phim phiêu lưu mạo hiểm
documentary	phim tài liệu

Câu 3: How often do you watch films?

“Well, actually, I watch movies at home every day, 1 episode per day at least. I often choose a good series to follow, you know, sometime a romantic one, some are the latest or simply just something recommended by my friends. And if there is an interesting movie playing at the cinema, I’ll go to see it with my friends sometimes, you know but just sometimes coz I don’t have that much money if you know what I mean, the cinema tickets are very pricy to me.”

Từ vựng

episode	tập phim
season	phần phim
series	bộ phim
the latest movie	phim mới nhất
pricy	đắt đỏ

Câu 4: Do you like watch films alone or with your friends?

“To be honest, I’d rather watch films with my friends, you know, coz we can talk about it during or after the movie, whether we enjoyed it or not, whether it’s mind-numbing or interesting and we always end up having such a good time together. Of course, still, there’s some time when I’m not in the mood, I don’t wanna torture anyone but myself, if you know what I mean.”

Từ vựng

mind-numbing	chán (= boring)
be not in the mood	tâm trạng không vui, không có tâm trạng

torture sb.	tra tấn, làm khổ ai
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Câu 5: Do you prefer watching films at the cinema or at home?

“Well, I think I would have to say it totally depends. You know, If it a big action film with lots of explosions, I would see it at the cinema you know, because, there, you get to see the movie on a big screen with a better sound system which will make the movie more impressive, you know. But others, I prefer watching at home because you can watch at your leisure and it’s so convenient to pause or go back a few scenes if you find it attention grabbing which you do not have any control whatsoever in the cinema. Plus, there’s nothing better than kicking back on your comfy old couch in front of the box.”

Từ vựng

better sound system	hệ thống âm thanh tốt
impressive	ấn tượng
at your leisure	vào thời gian mình thích
pause or go back	tạm dừng và tua lại
attention grabbing	hay, thú vị (= interesting)
kick back	nằm dài
comfy	thoải mái
in front of the box	in front of TV

Một số từ vựng khác về chủ đề này các bạn có thể dùng cho câu trả lời riêng của mình. Các bạn hãy tự tra từ điển các từ này để biết nghĩa và cách đọc, cách phát âm của nó nhé. Hãy cố gắng đặt một câu với một từ, một câu có nghĩa nhé, không đặt đối phó!

Nouns

telly (= TV)	documentary	mainstream
sitcom	audience	viewer
genre = type	censorship (cơ quan kiểm duyệt)	blockbuster (phim bom tấn)

Verbs

turn on / off / over	tune in	produce	broadcast
sit in front of the telly	repeat	telesise	

Adjectives

mind-numbing (= boring)	enlightening	live-broadcast	witty
attention-grabbing (= interesting) = gripping	televised	pre-recorded	

Idioms

watch the box (= watch TV)	I often watch the box at weekends
channel surf (=change TV channels frequently)	I usually sit in front of the telly and...

IELTS Books and Films Vocabulary

It's quite possible that the examiner will ask you questions about your reading habits or ask you to say something about a book you've read or a film you've seen. Read the following IELTS-style questions and answers below and pay attention to the phrases in bold. Use the 'Definitions' section at the bottom of the page to check the meaning of any phrases you don't understand.

Part 1-style questions

Examiner: Do you like to read books?

Marie: Yes ... I love reading ... I like nothing more than to be engrossed in a good book ... I regularly take out books from the library and usually read them from cover to cover in no time ... and I can't go to sleep at night without some good bedtime reading ...

Examiner: How often do you go to the cinema?

Jemma: Unfortunately we don't have a cinema near us so we have to go into the nearest town to catch the latest movie ... I usually avoid seeing popular box-office hits which I'm not always keen on seeing ... I prefer low-budget films ... sci-fi especially ... and there's a great cinema I go to that has frequent showings of films like these ...

Examiner: Do you prefer reading books or watching films?

Louisa: I'm not really a big reader ... I find books quite heavy-going ... so I much prefer to see a film ... perhaps it's the special effects or the soundtrack ... I don't know ... I just prefer a film ...

Part 2-style task

Describe a book you have read or a film you have seen. You should say:

what this book or film was

when you read or saw it/ why you decided to see the film or read the book

Pauline: I like reading ... especially English novels ... it's a great way to improve your vocabulary and there are so many fantastic authors to choose from ... one book that came highly recommended by my teacher was *The Mayor of Casterbridge* ... I was studying at a school in The UK at the time and she said it

would give me a picture of what life was like years ago in the area I was living ... well I have to say I absolutely loved it ... it was a real page-turner ... it's a historical novel and the setting was a fictional town called Casterbridge ... but actually it was based on a town near where I was studying called Dorchester ... it had such a great plot ... to cut a long story short it tells the story of the downfall of a man called Henchard the central character who lives during a period of great social change around the time of the industrial revolution ... the reason I enjoyed it so much ... apart from the great story ... it gave me a picture of what life had been like in the place I was studying at the time ... I really couldn't put it down ... a fantastic story ...

Part 3-style questions

Examiner: Is reading as pleasurable in digital format?

Alise: Personally I prefer reading a paperback or hardback ... especially if I'm reading a classic which I don't think feels right as an e-book ... but I can see it can be good for others ... my grandmother has an e-reader and she loves the way you can enlarge the text ...

Examiner: Do you think bookshops will survive the digital revolution?

Thomas: I think so ... at least I hope so ... I love flicking through books in a bookshop ... online shopping is useful ... finding out on Amazon if a book you want has got a good review ... maybe getting one that is difficult to find ... but I still love the experience of being in a bookshop ...

Examiner: Statistics show that visits to the cinema are up despite the availability of DVDs and online downloads. Why do you think this might be?

Jamie: I think it's the whole experience that the cinema offers ... going out to see a film when it goes on general release ... and seeing it on the big screen is more exciting than watching the film at home on TV ... especially if it's an action movie ... and watching it with others makes it even more special ...

Definitions

an action movie: a film with fast moving scenes, often containing violence

to be engrossed in: to be completely focused on one thing

bedtime reading: something to read in bed before you go to sleep

to be a big reader: someone who reads a lot

to be based on: to use as a modal

a box office hit: a financially successful film

to be heavy-going: difficult to read

a blockbuster: a film that is a big commercial success

to catch the latest movie: to see a film that has just come out

the central character: the main person in a film or book

a classic: of the highest quality

to come highly recommended: to be praised by another person

couldn't put it down: wasn't able to stop reading a book

an e-book: a digital book

an e-reader: a device for reading e-books

to flick through: to look quickly through a book

to get a good/bad review: to receive positive or negative feedback

to go on general release: when a film can be seen by the general public

hardback: a book with a rigid cover (see 'paperback' below)

a historical novel: a story set in the past

a low budget film: a film made with a small amount of money

on the big screen: at the cinema

a page turner: a book that you want to keep reading

paperback: a book with a flexible cover (see 'hardback' above)

plot: the main events in a film or book

to read something from cover to cover: to read a book from the first page to the last

sci-fi: science fiction

to see a film: to see a film at the cinema (see 'watch a film' below)

the setting: where the action takes place

showings: performances of a film

soundtrack: the music that accompanies a film

special effects: the visuals or sounds that are added to a film which are difficult to produce naturally

to take out (a book from the library): to borrow a book from the library

to tell the story of: to outline the details of someone's life or an event

to watch a film: to watch a film on TV (see 'to see a film' above)