

5.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking comparing and recommending

- 1a 5.4))) Listen to two friends talking about *Empire* magazine's list of the top five films of all time. In which order does Adam place the films?

The Godfather ___

Star Wars ___

The Shawshank
Redemption 1

Raiders
of the
Lost Ark ___

Jaws ___

- b 5.4))) Match the two halves of the sentences in boxes A and B. Then listen to the conversation again and check your answers.

A

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| 1 I expected it to be | a you download it ... |
| 2 They're all worth | b very dull. |
| 3 I'd recommend | c less predictable, but it isn't really. |
| 4 It sounds | d seeing. |

B

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| 1 It's nothing like as good | a very entertaining. |
| 2 It's really worth | b either of them. |
| 3 That doesn't sound | c as <i>The Shawshank Redemption</i> . |
| 4 I wouldn't really recommend | d seeing. |

- 2a Match sentences 1–3 to responses a–c.

- 1 I think *Batman Returns* is the greatest film of all time. b
- 2 Are you disappointed by this film? ___
- 3 I haven't seen *City of God* yet. ___
- a Really? It's worth seeing, you know.
- b Mmm ... I'm not at all sure about that.
- c Yes, I am. It's nothing like as good as I thought it would be.

- b 5.5))) Listen to the conversations and check your answers.

Writing a film review

- 3 Read the extracts from a film review. In which extract or extracts does the writer mention the following?

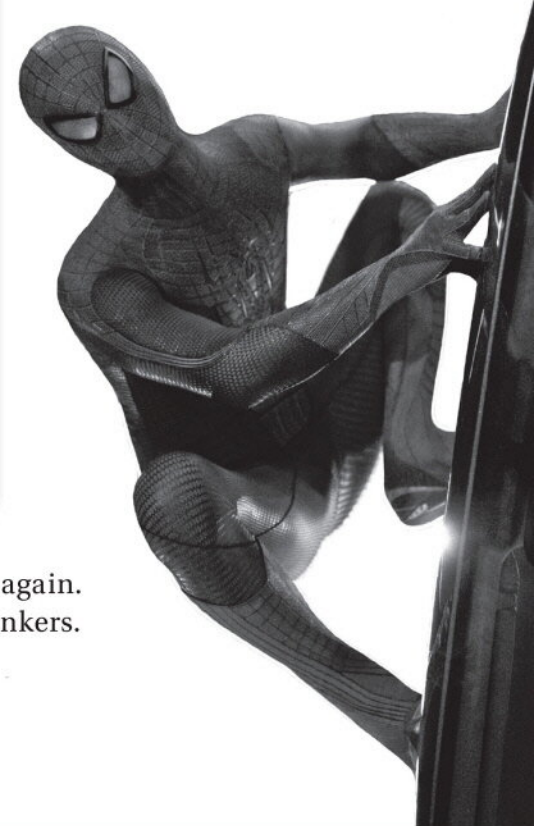
- 1 cast ___ 3 setting ___
2 plot ___ 4 special effects ___

1 ¹Although / ²Despite being based on a comic strip hero, *The Amazing Spiderman 2* is an exciting film for adults as well as kids. It is set in a computer-generated version of New York, and tells the story of young reporter Peter Parker, who fights crime dressed as Spiderman.

2 The lead actors are brilliant, especially Andrew Garfield, who plays the main character, and, ²even though / in spite of his inexperience as a Hollywood actor, gives his best performance to date. Unfortunately, ³despite / however, the latest instalment of the *Spiderman* saga suffers from a complicated storyline and too many characters. ⁴Although / However the last half hour of the film is really exciting, the first half of the film has too many different stories going on, which makes it hard to follow.

3 This is a film which will appeal to many young people, and they won't be disappointed if they go and see it. ⁵Although / However, it must be said that ⁶even though / despite it has great characters and amazing special effects, it is a bit too long and its plot is unnecessarily complicated.

- 4 Read the film review extracts again. Choose the correct contrast linkers.



I can ...

use extreme adjectives.

use contrast linkers.

compare and recommend.

Very well

Quite well

More practice

