

12.2 At the movies

GOALS ■ Talk about films ■ Use the present perfect and past simple

Vocabulary & Speaking films

- 1 Work with a partner. Read the quote about films and answer the questions.

‘People who like movies have a favourite. People who love movies couldn’t possibly choose.’

Nicole Yatsonsky, author

- Do you agree with Nicole Yatsonsky? Why/Why not?
- How often do you watch films at home?
- How often do you go to the cinema?

- 2a 12.6))) Listen to eight descriptions and number the types of film in the box.

action films animations comedies dramas horror films
musicals romantic films science fiction films

- b 12.7))) Listen, check and repeat.

- c Work in small groups. Think of 2–3 more films for each type.

- 3a Work in small groups. Take turns to say which types of film you like and don’t like.

*I don’t like action films because they’re really boring.
I prefer comedies.*

- b Tell the class about the films you like/don’t like. Use the ideas in the box.

- Everybody likes/loves/hates ...
- Nobody likes ...
- Some of us like ...

- 4 12.8))) Listen to two people talking about films. Which types of films in exercise 2a are they talking about?

- 5a Work with a partner. Complete sentences 1–5 from the listening in exercise 4 using the words in the box.

stars favourite about It’s set

- My _____ film is *Titanic*.
- It _____ Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.
- It’s _____ a huge ship and all the people on it.
- _____ a science fiction film.
- It’s _____ in the future.

- b 12.8))) Listen again and check your answers.

- c Change the sentences in exercise 5a to make them true for your favourite film. Tell your partner.


Grammar & Listening present perfect and past simple

- 6a Read part of a web page and answer the questions.


- What kind of film is *The Artist*?
- Why did some people leave the cinema?

Film News & Reviews

It was black and white and silent, and it was the surprise success of 2012. The French film *The Artist* won the award for ‘Best Picture’ at the Oscars, but it wasn’t popular with everyone. In some cinemas, people walked out early and asked for their money back. Why? Because they didn’t know the film was silent when they bought the tickets!



- b Work with a partner. Read the second part of the web page and answer the questions in it.



How often do people leave the cinema early and why do they do it? Have you ever left the cinema before the end of a film? Has it ever annoyed you when other people left the cinema early? Tell us your thoughts ...

- 7 Look at the questions in exercise 6b again and complete the rules in the Grammar focus box.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

present perfect questions and short answers

- To make questions in the present perfect, we use:
 - _____ + I/you/we/they + past participle + ?
 - _____ + he/she/it + past participle + ?
- With *yes/no* questions, we usually use short answers:

(+)	Yes, I/you/we/they <i>have</i> .	(-)	No, I/you/we/they <i>haven’t</i> .
	Yes, he/she/it <i>has</i> .		No, he/she/it <i>hasn’t</i> .

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8a 12.9))) Listen to four people answering the questions from the web page. Complete the first column of the table with a tick (✓) or a cross (X).

	Have they ever left the cinema early?	Why/Why not?
Speaker 1		
Speaker 2		
Speaker 3		
Speaker 4		

b 12.9))) Listen again and make notes in the second column of the table. Compare your answers with a partner.

9a 12.10))) Listen and complete the sentences from the listening in exercise 8. Compare your answers with a partner.

- _____ never _____ the cinema early, but I've often wanted to.
- A few months ago, I _____ to see a terrible film.
- A _____ you ever _____ the cinema early?
B Yes, I _____. I _____ out once – it was last summer and it was a beautiful day.

b Work with a partner. Look at the sentences in exercise 9a and complete the rules in the Grammar focus box. Write *past simple* or *present perfect*.

GRAMMAR FOCUS present perfect and past simple

- Use the ¹ _____ to say something happened before now, but we don't know or don't say when. We often use it with *ever/never*.
- Use the ² _____ to say something happened before now and we know the time.
- We often start with the ³ _____ and then change to the ⁴ _____ to give more details.

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10a Work with a partner. Read part of an interview between a journalist (J), a film director, Pavel (P), and an actor, Wanda (W). Choose the correct form of the verbs.

- J So Pavel, you're here for the Rio de Janeiro film festival.
¹ *Did you visit / Have you visited* Brazil before?
- P Yes, ² *I did / I have* – twice. Actually, ³ *I came / I've come* here when I was a child and I ⁴ *was / have been* here three years ago for work, too.
- J Interesting. And what about you, Wanda?
⁵ *Did you ever go / Have you ever been* to Rio?
- W No, I ⁶ *didn't go / 've never been* here before, but it's a beautiful city!
- J I'm very pleased to hear that! So, I ⁷ *saw / 've seen* your latest film 'Inbox me' last night and I ⁸ *thought / 've thought* it was really wonderful.
- P Well, thank you very much!
- J And everyone else in the cinema ⁹ *enjoyed / has enjoyed* it, too. When it ¹⁰ *finished / has finished*, people ¹¹ *stood / have stood* up and ¹² *clapped / have clapped* – I couldn't believe it!
- P Really? I'm delighted to hear that. A lot of people ¹³ *said / have said* some lovely things about it.
- W Last week someone ¹⁴ *told / has told* me it was their favourite film of the year!
- J Great! So, tell me ...

b 12.11))) Listen and check your answers.

11a **TASK** Work in small groups. Take turns to ask about your experiences. Use the ideas in the box to help you, and your own ideas.

- A *Have you ever been to a big concert?*
B *Yes, I have. I went to a Coldplay concert in Warsaw last year.*

walked out of a film
met a famous writer/singer/actor acted in a play
cry during a film go to the opera
stay awake all night watching films
be in a film ~~go to a big concert~~
watch the same film three or four times

b Tell the class about your group. Have you had similar experiences?
Mario has never been to a big concert, but Elena and I have.