

## 5.1 Universally popular?

### Vocabulary going to the movies

- 1 Choose the correct words to complete the amazing film facts.



- 1 Actress Judi Dench was only in a very short eight-minute scene / cast in the film *Shakespeare in Love* (1998). However, she won an Oscar for her play / performance.
- 2 In the film *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (1949), actor Alec Guinness plays / sets eight different characters / remakes, including an old soldier, a young photographer, and an old lady.
- 3 *The Wolf of Wall Street* (2013), which stars / plays Leonardo DiCaprio and Matthew McConaughey, is set / put in New York but was actually filmed in Spain.
- 4 *Memento* (2000) is a film with a very complicated play / plot. It tells the story backwards from the point of view of a man who can't remember anything. The cast / set includes Guy Pearce, Joe Pantoliano and Carrie-Anne Moss.

- 2 Match the two halves of the sentences.



- 1 Hollywood star Bruce Willis often plays action c
- 2 *Up* is a wonderful animated \_\_\_\_
- 3 James Cameron spent over \$230 million on the special \_\_\_\_
- 4 Mike Myers and Jim Carrey are both Hollywood comic \_\_\_\_
- 5 The film *Ocean's Eleven* is a remake \_\_\_\_
- 6 The character of Princess Fiona in *Shrek* is voiced \_\_\_\_
  - a of a film from 1960 which starred Frank Sinatra.
  - b actors who were born in Canada.
  - c heroes in films, such as *Die Hard* and *Looper*.
  - d by Hollywood star Cameron Diaz.
  - e film, made by Pixar in 2009.
  - f effects for his sci-fi film, *Avatar* (2009).

➔ **STUDY TIP** Write your own personalized example sentences to help you remember new words. For example, write a sentence about a film with great special effects or a film that is based on a book.

- 3 Read the interview about the Hollywood film *Captain Phillips*. Complete the questions with words or phrases from exercises 1 and 2. The first letter is given.

1 So, what is *Captain Phillips* about? What's the plot of the film?

Well, it tells the story of what happens when Somali pirates go on board an American ship. It's a true story, and the idea for the film came from a book written by the real Captain Phillips.

2 And where is the film s\_\_\_\_\_?

Most of the action takes place in the middle of the Indian Ocean near the coast of Africa.

3 Who s\_\_\_\_\_ in the film?

Tom Hanks plays the main part.

4 What c\_\_\_\_\_ does he play?

Tom plays Captain Phillips in the film.

5 Can you describe his p\_\_\_\_\_?

It's amazing. He's one of Hollywood's best actors, and in this film he's brilliant.

6 Does the film have an interesting c\_\_\_\_\_? Who else is in it?

Oh, a Somali-American actor called Barkhad Abdi, as well as Catherine Keener, Faysal Ahmed and David Warshofsky.

7 Are there any s\_\_\_\_\_ e\_\_\_\_\_ in the film?

Well, yes, there are. For example, the film-makers used CGI (computer-generated imagery) to make you think the ship is out at sea.

- 5 Complete the strange but real film titles with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

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1 **Thank You  
for** Smoking

2 **We Need  
\_\_\_\_\_**  
**About Kevin**

3 **How to Succeed  
in Business without  
Really** \_\_\_\_\_

4 **Stop the World:  
I Want  
\_\_\_\_\_ Off**

5 **Dr Strangelove,  
or How I Learned to  
Stop \_\_\_\_\_ and  
Love the Bomb**

6 **Can't Stand  
\_\_\_\_\_ You!**

- 6 Complete the review with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

If you enjoy <sup>1</sup> watching (watch) films from around the world, I suggest <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a look at this year's list of nominations for best foreign language films at the Oscars. The list aims <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (promote) world cinema, so, in a way, it is a useful recommendation for films that you really should try <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (see). You won't fail <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (find) something worth watching. In 2014, at the 86th Academy Awards ceremony in Los Angeles, the nominations included *The Broken Circle Breakdown*, a Belgian film about <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (fall) in love and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (live) together, and a Danish film called *The Hunt*. In the end, however, the Academy decided <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (give) the Oscar to *The Great Beauty* (*La Grande Bellezza*), a wonderful Italian film that manages <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) both moving and funny. In the film, we see the lives of rich and important people in Rome through the eyes of a writer who seems <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) bored with the beautiful lives around him.



## Grammar -ing form and infinitive with to

- 4 Match the pairs of sentence halves, 1 to 5.
- |   |                           |                                     |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1 Do you feel like        | a to go out this evening?           |
|   | 2 Would you like          | b going out later?                  |
| 2 | 1 Oscar can't afford      | a to go to a gym.                   |
|   | 2 Anja can't stand        | b going to nightclubs.              |
| 3 | 1 On Friday, we recommend | a to eat out at Luigi's pizzeria.   |
|   | 2 On Sunday, we hope      | b having dinner at Pierre's bistro. |
| 4 | 1 Sally agreed            | a to join the science club.         |
|   | 2 Luisa thought about     | b joining the army.                 |
| 5 | 1 Paul enjoys             | a to go to jazz concerts.           |
|   | 2 Yves plans              | b doing dance classes.              |

### I can ...

talk about different genres of films.

Very well

Quite well

More practice



use the -ing form and infinitive with to.

