

# Review

**1a** Complete the statements with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I tend \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) watching a film to reading a book.
- I can't stand \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) horror films.
- Once I've started a film I always carry on \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) it to the end, even if I don't like it.
- When I see well-known actors are in a film, I always expect \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) watching it.
- I never seem \_\_\_\_\_ (find) the time to watch many films.
- If I got the chance, I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in a film.

**b** Which of these statements are true for you? Discuss with a partner.

**2a** Choose the correct options to complete the text.

## Animated films for grown-ups

Animated films used to be clearly aimed at the under tens. But in the 1990s, Pixar, Dreamworks and other companies <sup>1</sup> *has started / started* to make films which <sup>2</sup> *has appealed / appealed* to both kids and adults. Take *Toy Story*, for example, which <sup>3</sup> *has become / became* a top-selling film as soon as it was released, and <sup>4</sup> *has made / made* \$361 million since then.

A relatively new development, however, is animated films which are actually *for* adults. Hayao Miyazaki, for example, <sup>5</sup> *has become / became* world-famous in recent years for films such as *Spirited Away*. His latest film, *The Wind Rises*, <sup>6</sup> *has been / was* one of the Best Animated Feature Film nominees for the Oscars this year, alongside the more usual children's films.



**b** Do you enjoy animated films? Why/Why not? Discuss with a partner.

**3** Complete the two texts with the words in each box. In each case there are two words you do not need.

action hero animated based on character plot starring

*The Wind Rises* is a/an <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ film, <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a short story by Tatsuo Hori. The main <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is an aircraft designer, Jiro Horikoshi, and the <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ is basically an account of his life.

actors cast plays performances scenes special effects

The <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* are all very well-known <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, and their <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have generally been highly praised, especially that of Judi Dench, who <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a recently widowed housewife.

**4** Divide the adjectives in the box into those that have a positive meaning and those that have a negative one.

amusing clever disappointing dull enjoyable entertaining ordinary original predictable silly surprising unexciting violent

**5a** **5.8** ))) Listen to six sentences. Rewrite each sentence you hear to make it stronger. Either change the normal adjective to an extreme adjective, or use a modifier.

**b** Compare your sentences with a partner. Check that together you have at least two different ways of making each sentence stronger.

**6a** **5.9** ))) Listen to some negative opinions about a film and complete the sentences with up to three words.

- It was \_\_\_\_\_ good as I expected it to be.
- It's really not \_\_\_\_\_.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you wouldn't like it.
- It was much less interesting \_\_\_\_\_.

**b** Work with a partner. Change each phrase to make it positive.

**c** Tell your partner about a film or TV programme you have seen using some of the phrases (positive or negative). Talk for 1-2 minutes each. Try to use as many of the adjectives and opinion phrases as possible.