



Harry Potter film review

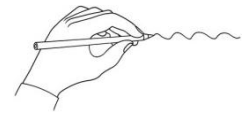
Level 3

Have you seen any of the Harry Potter films? Practise your reading in English with this film review.

Reading practice



Preparation



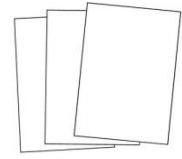
Match the words with the definitions.

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| to release | → | the story of a film, book, etc. |
| fantasy | | all the actors in a film or play |
| the plot | | to make something available so that the public can see it |
| an enemy | | artificial images or visual tricks used in a film |
| the cast | | someone whose job is to give their opinion about films, books, etc. |
| the setting | | the place and time in which a story happens |
| special effects | | a story in which the situations are magical or imaginary |
| a critic | | someone who hates you and wants to hurt you |



Reading text

Read the film review.



Film review: the Harry Potter film series

The Harry Potter film series is famous all over the world and is loved by children, teenagers and adults. It's based on the books by JK Rowling. The first film, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was released in 2001. The whole series consists of eight fantasy films. In each film the main character, Harry, is played by Daniel Radcliffe.

The plot

The story begins when 11-year-old orphan Harry discovers that his parents were wizards and he starts his education in magic at Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There he makes two close friends, Ron and Hermione, who share his adventures. Each film ends dramatically, often with a battle between Harry and his worst enemy, the evil wizard Lord Voldemort.



The characters

As well as Harry, Ron and Hermione, there's a huge variety of characters, including students, professors, dark wizards, ghosts and fantasy creatures. Non-magic people are called Muggles. The cast is excellent. The acting's outstanding, and even the strangest of characters are totally believable.



The setting

The films are mainly set in Hogwart's School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, which is in an ancient castle. There are moving staircases, portraits which can talk and move, and a dark forest where strange and dangerous creatures live.



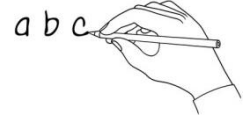
The special effects

The special effects are amazing and make magic seem completely possible! The wizards' favourite sport, Quidditch, is played on broomsticks. Different techniques were used to create the effects that make the actors look as if they're flying.

Critic's opinion

The films are imaginative, funny, frightening and, of course, magical! What makes them so successful is that they combine action, fantasy and friendship.

If you like adventure and magic, you'll love the Harry Potter films!

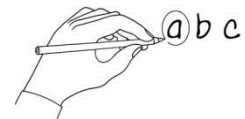


1. Fill it in!

Complete the sentences.

set in	released in	loved by
used to	played by	based on

- a. The Harry Potter films are loved by children, teenagers and adults.
- b. The films are _____ books by JK Rowling.
- c. The first Harry Potter film was _____ 2001.
- d. The main character, Harry, is _____ Daniel Radcliffe.
- e. The films are _____ Hogwart's School.
- f. Different techniques were _____ create the special effects.



2. True or false?

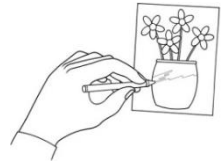
Circle true or false for these sentences.

- a. The Harry Potter films are famous all over the world. true false
- b. There are six films in the series. true false
- c. Harry discovers that his parents were wizards when he's 11. true false
- d. Harry's best friend is Lord Voldemort. true false
- e. People who aren't magic are called Muggles. true false
- f. The wizards' favourite board game is called Quidditch. true false
- g. Hogwart's School is in a castle. true false
- h. People who like adventure and magic won't like the films. true false



Write and draw!

Do you like the Harry Potter films? What other films do you like? Draw a picture and write about them!



A large rectangular area for drawing and writing, containing several horizontal dotted lines for text.