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Movie Magic: Describing Our Favorite Movies in English

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**Skills:**

Can describe events, real or imagined.

Teens and adults

Individual



1 Warm-up. Watch the trailer. How did it make you feel? What do you think affects your emotions the most: the animation, the music, etc.? How do you usually choose a movie to watch?

2 Reading. Read the review on this movie and answer the questions.

Soul is my favorite movie of all time. It's an animated film by Pixar, the same studio that made Toy Story and Finding Nemo.

The main character in Soul is Joe Gardner, a middle school music teacher who dreams of becoming a professional jazz pianist. One day, he gets the opportunity to play with a famous jazz band. But then he has an accident and his soul separates from his body. His soul goes to a place where new souls get their personalities before they go to Earth. Here, he meets 22, a soul who doesn't want to go to Earth because she thinks it's boring. Together, they try to find out what makes life worth living.

Soul is a beautiful and inspiring movie. The animation is stunning, especially the scenes set in New York City. The story is also very moving, and it made me think about what's really important in life.

The voice acting in Soul is excellent. Jamie Foxx does a great job as Joe, and Tina Fey is hilarious as 22, a soul who doesn't want to go to Earth. The music is fantastic too, with lots of catchy jazz tunes.

I would recommend Soul to anyone, young or old. It's not just a kids' movie – it's a movie for everyone. If you haven't seen it yet, you should definitely check it out!

Questions:

1. Who is the main character in Soul?
2. What happens to Joe Gardner's soul in the movie?
3. How does the author describe the animation in Soul?
4. What makes Soul an inspiring movie?
5. What kind of music can be heard in the movie?
6. Would the author recommend Soul to others? Why or why not?

3 Vocabulary.

a. Look at these words from the review. Find them in the text, read the sentences with them: Can you guess their meaning? Discuss them with your teacher, use the glossary if needed (last page).

scenes

inspiring

set in

moving

check it out

catchy

main character

hilarious

stunning

of all time

b. Fill in the Gaps in the following sentences with these words:

1. "Titanic" is one of the best movies _____(1) in cinema history.
2. The _____(2) in this play has a difficult journey.
3. The costumes in this performance are _____(3).
4. The fight _____(4) in "The Matrix" were very exciting.
5. The movie "La La Land" is _____(5) Los Angeles, which makes it even more romantic.
6. The comedy movie "Bridesmaids" had some _____(6) moments that had the audience laughing out loud.
7. The _____(7) soundtrack of "Mamma Mia!" made everyone sing and dance in their seats.
8. If you haven't seen the "Barbie" movie yet, you should definitely _____(8).
9. The ending scene of the movie was so _____(9), it made me cry.
10. The film we watched last night was truly _____(10), it made me want to create my own movies.

4 Speaking. Share your opinion about the quote and each comment. Provide examples of the movies that you've watched to support your opinion.

"Movies have the power to inspire and teach us important life lessons"



Tim: "Some movies can be unrealistic and give us wrong ideas about life. A romantic comedy I saw made relationships look too easy."



Megan: "I see both sides of the argument. Some movies motivate me, but others don't match my values. It depends on each person's experiences."



Chris: "This topic is important to me. A movie about someone overcoming struggles gave me hope when I was going through a tough time. Movies connect with our emotions and teach us valuable lessons."

5 Writing. Write a review about the movie that you like the most, using the target vocabulary of the lesson and the list of the words you made with your teacher in the first exercise. You can refer to the provided text as an example and use the open questions as help.

Glossary

- **hilarious** - extremely funny or amusing.
- **set in** - taking place in a particular time or location.
- **main character** - the most important person in a story, movie, or show who drives the plot forward.
- **inspiring** - making you feel motivated or encouraged to do something positive.
- **of all time** - throughout history or for a very long period of time.
- **check it out** - go see or experience something for yourself.
- **moving** - causing strong emotions, especially sadness or sympathy.
- **scenes** - parts of a movie, play, or book that take place in one location and involve the same characters.
- **catchy** - easy to remember because it is pleasing or memorable, often used to describe songs or slogans.
- **stunning** - extremely beautiful or impressive.

Correct answers

1 **Teacher tip:** while doing the exercise and answering the questions, make a list of words that your student knows (related to the topic) and remind them to use it later in the speaking and writing parts.

2 **Created in the “Create a text” and “Open Questions” tools.**

1. The main character in Soul is Joe Gardner.
2. Joe Gardner's soul separates from his body after an accident, and he goes on a journey through different dimensions.
3. The animation in Soul is stunning, especially the scenes set in New York City.
4. Its ability to make viewers reflect on what is truly important in life.
5. The music in Soul consists of catchy jazz tunes.
6. Yes, the author would recommend Soul to others because it is not just a kids' movie but a movie for everyone.

3 **Created in “Fill in the Gap”.**

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2. main character
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4. scenes
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9. moving
10. inspiring

4 **Created in “Lead-in activities” + “Four opinions”.**



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