

Film Festival

AN ESL LESSON PLAN TO GET STUDENTS TALKING ABOUT MOVIES

Materials

Student Activity Sheet

Movie Posters

Lesson Plan

Start off by asking the class if they would like to see a movie together. Almost certainly, one student will say yes. Ask them what is playing and write down their answers word for word on the board. You can examine their responses shortly. Then ask them what it is about, again writing the answers on the board. Then ask them who's starring in it and what the critics say about it.

You can highlight all of the key phrases for talking about movies. In particular you can also show how relative clauses are useful for describing movies, plots, and characters. (It's about two people *who fall*

in love on a sinking ship. Leonardo Di Caprio plays a poor worker who wins a trip to America.)

Next, handout **the activity** sheet and go over the dialogue. Point out the language that's used in the dialogue to talk about movies. Then write up the table on the board and with the class fill out the table for the movie 'Attack from Planet Q'.

Title/Genre:

Attack from Planet Q

Science Fiction

Actor/Character:

Will Smith

Palace guard

Plot:

Aliens invade China

Show times/ Theater

6:45, 8:30

Odeon Theater

Setting:

Great Wall of China,
Ming Dynasty

Critics/Awards:

Frightening, Entertaining
Best Film 2002 Cannes

Now give each student in the class a **movie poster**. Ask them to memorize the contents of the poster (without actually memorizing it word for word). After they have had some time to read their movie poster they will walk around the class and practice the dialogue. While they are practicing the dialogue, they should fill out the table.

**AFTER THIS LESSON YOU CAN ALSO GO ON WITH MOVIE
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