



UNIT 9

CINEMA

Lesson 1. Is cinema still important?

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word “cinema”?

2a. Is cinema important today? What role does it play in your life? Can people live without cinema today?



2b. Conduct a survey. Interview your classmates. Use the questions below.

1. Do you like going to the cinema? 2. How often do you go to the cinema? 3. When was the last time you went to the cinema? 4. What's your favourite film? 5. Who's your favourite actor/actress? 6. What's the most popular film in your country? 7. Do you prefer watching TV or going to the cinema? 8. Do you like going to the cinema with your parents or friends?



2c. Report the results of your survey.

Model. Alex likes going to the cinema. He doesn't often go to the cinema. The last time he went to the cinema was 3 weeks ago.

verb + tion = noun

inform – information educate – education

relax – relaxation create – creation invent – invention

verb + ment = noun

entertain – entertainment amuse – amusement

enjoy – enjoyment

3a. Answer the questions about the history of cinema.

When did it appear? Who invented it? What do you know about the first films? How were the first films different from the films of today?

3b. Listen, read the text and check your answers.

Cinema was born at the end of the nineteenth century. It began with the invention of the camera. The first films were short, sometimes only a few minutes. They were shown in different places like clubs, shops, and music halls. For the first thirty years of their history, movies were silent ['saɪlənt]. The first sound films appeared in 1928. In fact, several people may be called the inventors of cinema, but the Frenchmen – the Lumiere ['lu:miə] brothers – were the first to present moving pictures to a group of paying people and that is why they are called the fathers of modern cinema. Today's cinema is full of superb colour and fantastic sound and computer effects.



3c. Act out a talk of a journalist (student A) with a cinema historian (student B). Use the questions from ex. 3a.

4a. Here is what some teenagers think about cinema. Listen, read the opinions, and say what ideas you agree with.

HELP BOX

I agree with the speaker who says that cinema ...

Speaker 1: In my opinion cinema is one of the most important and effective forms of art nowadays. It doesn't only entertain¹ us, but it also educates us and moves our feelings. It takes us to another world, another reality.

Speaker 2: Cinema was really popular last century. Today is the time of TV and the Internet. They take the biggest part of our time and interests. Cinema is the art of yesterday.

Speaker 3: Cinema is international. It unites people of different nationalities and religions [rɪ'lidʒ(ə)nz]. It helps to understand each other better.

¹entertain ['entəteɪn] – развлекать

Speaker 4: I'm fond of cinema because it's always different, so everyone can find something for themselves. It was invented only a century ago but today it has become the most popular entertainment all over the world.

Speaker 5: I'm a cinemagoer. Well... I like watching films on TV, too. But TV films are different. They are usually for one country. Films made for cinema shows soon become international. In this way cinema helps us to learn about different countries, cultures and peoples.




people – люди peoples – народы

Speaker 6: To me, going to the cinema is the best relaxation. I'm sure that cinema makes our life better. It helps to forget about everyday problems. When we watch films, we experience a range of emotions. It's wonderful!



4b.  Is cinema still important today? Discuss the answer to the question. Use the highlighted expressions from ex. 4a.

4c.  Write your answer to the question in ex. 4b.

Lesson 2. Do you fancy going to the cinema?

1.    What film genres do you like? What film genres do you hate? Choose from the list below. Do you have anything in common?

Adventure films, action films, detective films, musicals, horror films, romantic films, sitcoms, westerns, fantasy, science fiction, dramas, comedies, cartoons, family films.

2a.   Natalie has nothing special to do tonight. She wants to go to the cinema and decides to invite Alesya. Listen to the dialogue and say which phrases from the Help box Natalie and Alesya used.

tonight – сегодня вечером