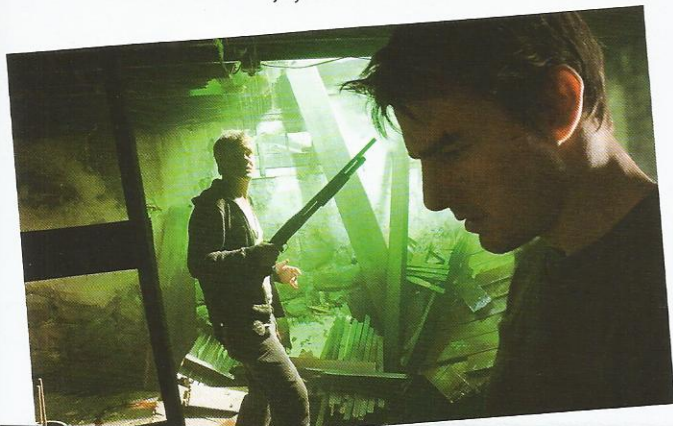


- 1 Do you recognise the actor in the photo? Do you know the film?
- 2 Read the first and last paragraphs of the review. Answer the questions.

- 1 What is the name of the film?
- 2 Did the reviewer enjoy it?



A review of **War of the Worlds** by Andrea

I recently went to see **War of the Worlds**. It's a science fiction film starring Tom Cruise.

The film is based on a book written over 100 years ago, although it is set in modern times. The story is very gripping. It's about alien machines from space which land on Earth. Nevertheless, the film has a happy ending.

The acting is very good. Tom Cruise, who plays a father who is looking for his family, is excellent, as usual. However, I didn't think Dakota Fanning was very convincing as his daughter. The special effects were incredible – the machines looked terrifying, and there were some very scary moments which I didn't enjoy.

This is a classic Spielberg film: fast-moving, not too violent, and full of action. In spite of the fact that it was a bit scary, overall I really enjoyed it. Go and see it if you can.

- 3 Answer the questions.

- 1 What kind of film is *War of the Worlds*?
- 2 When was the original book written?
- 3 What aspects of the film did the reviewer like?
- 4 What two things didn't the reviewer like?

- 4 Find words or phrases in the review that mean:

- 1 with Tom Cruise as the most important actor (line 2)
- 2 uses the same story as (line 3)
- 3 acts the part of (line 7)
- 4 very typical; one of the best (line 13)
- 5 generally; when I think of everything (line 15)

- 5 Read the writing tip. Find and underline the words and phrases in the review.

### Writing tip: expressing contrast

We use *however* and *nevertheless* to express contrast between two sentences. We put a comma after them.

We use *although* and *in spite of the fact that* to express contrast between two pieces of information in the same sentence.

- 6 Complete the sentences. Use words or phrases from the Writing tip above. Sometimes two answers are possible.

- 1 The story was good \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't like the acting.
- 2 I really enjoyed the film. \_\_\_\_\_ most of my friends thought it wasn't very good.
- 3 The special effects were very unconvincing \_\_\_\_\_ they spent millions of dollars on them.
- 4 I don't think Sylvester Stallone is a very good actor. \_\_\_\_\_ he's very good in the *Rocky* films.
- 5 The film wasn't at all funny \_\_\_\_\_ it was supposed to be a comedy.
- 6 The film was very slow. \_\_\_\_\_ it was quite thought-provoking.
- 7 *Jaws* is one of Spielberg's first films. \_\_\_\_\_ it's one of his best.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ the acting was excellent, overall I didn't enjoy it.

- 7 Do this writing task. Follow the writing plan below.

Write a review of a film that you enjoyed.

Write 130–150 words.

#### Introduction

Name of film, type of film and actors.

#### Paragraph 2

The story: What happens? Is it gripping? Is it convincing? What about the ending?

#### Paragraph 3

Other aspects of the film: the acting, the screenplay, the music, the special effects, the stunts, the location, etc.

#### Paragraph 4

Your overall opinion.

### Check your work

#### Have you

- followed the writing plan?
- checked your spelling and grammar?
- written 130–150 words?