

A

Books

“I used to hate **literature**¹ at school, but now I read a lot. I started off with **fiction**². I read hundreds of **novels**³, mostly **thrillers**⁴ and **science fiction**⁵. My favourite **author**⁶ is John le Carré.

Recently, I've started reading quite a lot of **biographies**⁷, and even some **poetry**⁸. Two of my favourite **poets** are Antonio Machado and Federico García Lorca. They both wrote **poems** in the early 20th **century**.”

¹ serious and important writing

² stories about imaginary people and events

³ fiction books

⁴ exciting stories, often about crime

⁵ stories about the future

⁶ someone who writes books

⁷ stories of a person's life, written by another person

⁸ pieces of creative writing in short lines

B

Films

How do you decide which films you are going to see?



If it's a **horror film** [a film that makes people frightened, e.g. *Dracula*], I usually go and see it. I love horror films.



If a film gets good **reviews** [opinions in a newspaper or magazine], then I often go and see it.



If there's a big **star** [a famous actor] in it, then I am more likely to see it. I don't normally go and see films if I don't recognise the names of the **actors** [the people who are in films].



I'm not interested in films that are serious or **complicated** [difficult to understand]; I only go to the cinema for **entertainment** [things you see or do to enjoy yourself].



I like **comedies** [films that are funny] and especially **romantic comedies** [comedies that have a love story]. I'll go and see anything that Ashton Kutcher is in!



I look to see **what's on** [what films are being shown at the *cinema*], and go to anything that I **fancy** seeing [want to see; *infrm*].



For me, the **film director** [the person who tells the actors what to do, e.g. Spielberg] is the most important thing. I always go and see the **latest** film [the newest, most recent] by directors I really like such as Ben Affleck.

Language help

noun	person	verb
entertainment	entertainer	entertain
review	reviewer	review
acting	actor	act
directing	director	direct

Exercises

43.1 Find twelve more words, across or down, connected with books and films.

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P	E	S	A	U	T	H	O	R	T
A	C	T	O	R	N	R	G	D	R
C	H	F	I	C	T	I	O	N	E
T	A	P	U	R	F	L	S	F	V
E	N	O	V	E	L	L	T	I	I
P	O	E	T	R	Y	E	A	L	E
C	O	M	E	D	Y	R	R	M	W

43.2 Cross out one wrong word in each sentence. Write the correct word at the end.

- Many ~~poems~~ are around 300 pages. *novels*
- Cinema grew in popularity in the first half of the 20th year.
- I enjoy science fiction because I like stories about the past.
- What's happening at the cinema?
- We went to see the film because there was a good article in the newspaper.
- I've been reading a new autobiography of Alfred Hitchcock by Donald Spoto.
- Comedies should make people frightened.

43.3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word on the right.

- William Wordsworth is a very famous *poet*
 - I thought the film was good
 - Johnny Depp is one of my favourite
 - My daughter wrote a lovely for her school magazine.
 - I thought the in the film was a bit unnatural.
 - I like him very much; he's a great
 - I didn't agree with what the said.
 - Who's your favourite ?
- POETRY
ENTERTAIN
ACT
POETRY
ACT
ENTERTAIN
REVIEW
DIRECT

43.4 Complete the dialogue.

- A: What's ¹ *on* at the cinema?
- B: Er, there's the ² film by Pedro Almodóvar. It only came out yesterday.
- A: Oh, the guy who ³ *Julieta*. He's a very good ⁴, but I don't understand some of his films – they're a bit ⁵ for me. Anything else ⁶ ..?
- B: Well, a couple of romantic ⁷, which may be fun. And they're showing *The Kite Runner* again.
- A: Oh, what's that?
- B: It's a film based on the ⁸ by Khaled Hosseini. It's a very good book. Do you ⁹ seeing that?
- A: Yeah, why not.

43.5 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- Do you read novels or poetry? If so, what do you like? Who are your favourite authors?
- Do you go to the cinema? If so, how do you decide which films to go and see?
- Do you often read film reviews?
- What are your favourite films? Who are your favourite actors?

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Musical taste*

People's **taste in** music is different. I like **pop music**, my brother likes **folk music** [music written and played in a traditional style], and my dad prefers **classical music**.

My brother and I like going to concerts to see groups **perform** [play] **live** [in front of a large group of people, called an **audience**; pronounced to rhyme with *five*]. My dad just listens to music at home; he isn't interested in **live performances**.

When I listen to music I am mostly interested in the **tune** [the musical notes], but my brother is more interested in the **lyrics** [the words of a song].

*the type of music that you like

Common **mistakes**

Classical music (NOT *classic music*)

B

Musical instruments and musicians

C

People in music

A **composer** is someone who writes music, usually classical music.

A **songwriter** is someone who writes songs, e.g. Paul McCartney, Adele, Ed Sheeran, Chris Martin.

A **conductor** is someone who stands in front of an **orchestra** [a large group of musicians who play different instruments] and **conducts** [leads] them.

An **opera singer** is someone who sings **opera** [a play in which the words are sung].

A **ballet dancer** is someone who dances in a **ballet**.

A **solo artist** is someone who sings or plays music but is not part of a group, e.g. Beyoncé, Jay-Z, etc. Famous **groups/bands** are The Arctic Monkeys, U2, etc.

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Making an album

When groups **record** an **album** [put eight or ten songs into one collection] or a **single** [one song], they do it in a **recording studio**. Then, when the album **comes out** [is available for people to buy], it is usually **advertised** in the media [there are **adverts** on TV, online etc.]. Many people **download** their favourite **tracks** [individual songs from an album] or albums from the Internet.

Exercises

44.1 Match the words on the left with the words on the right.

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| 1 classical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | a studio |
| 2 solo | <input type="checkbox"/> | b singer |
| 3 recording | <input type="checkbox"/> | c music |
| 4 musical | <input type="checkbox"/> | d dancer |
| 5 opera | <input type="checkbox"/> | e artist |
| 6 ballet | <input type="checkbox"/> | f instrument |



44.2 Complete the sentences.

- There was a very big *audience* for their last concert – nearly 10,000 people.
- I think their new is a great song.
- The new has songs written by other people. It out next week.
- I've listened to a lot of their music but I've never seen them perform
- Their new album was in a studio near my home.
- The band has a new album out and it's being on TV.

44.3 Find five more pairs of words. Why are they pairs?

flute ballet audience album dancing orchestra concert
 conductor flautist composer classical music recording studio

A flautist is a person who plays a flute.

44.4 Can you complete this music quiz with words from the opposite page?

- Florence Welch is the main singer and *songwriter* for her group Florence + the Machine.
- The Berlin Philharmonic is an Herbert von Karajan was the from 1955 to 1989.
- Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti were both great
- Waterloo* was Abba's first Number 1 hit
- Sergeant Pepper* is the most famous by The Beatles.
- Eric Clapton is a great rock
- Yo Yo Ma is a great classical
- Rachmaninoff is a famous
- Puccini composed such as *La Bohème*.
- Who was the very famous artist who sang *Thriller*?

44.5 Over to you

Answer the questions. If possible, ask someone else the same questions.

- What music do you like? Is your taste in music different from your parents'?
- Who's your favourite solo artist, group or composer?
- What was the last single or album you bought or downloaded?
- When was the last time you heard or saw a group or orchestra perform live?
- Are you usually more interested in the tune or the lyrics of a song?
- Do you play a musical instrument? What do you play?