

Unit 3 Reading – Lights, camera, action!

Objectives

- Knowledge: To learn words or phrases related to films
To learn about the features of a film review
- Skill: To locate the features of a film review
To differentiate facts from opinions
- Attitude: To explore and acquire a new concept by comparing two similar texts



I. Preparation

Silencio Now Closed
★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 4.5 | 2140
Central · \$401-800 · Japanese

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Overview **Review (25)** Photo (200) Menu (4)

DETAILED RATING

Taste	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Decor	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Service	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Hygiene	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Value	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

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Izakaya x Jazz Night
2019-05-29 📍 592 views

We had a fantastic dinner at this new Japanese izakaya w/ Jazz music and delicious food last week! We started with the Evita, and I was quite surprised the sauce was not too spicy which I expected, and the hotate was fresh. It was very appetizing.

We totally agreed the deep-fried chicken wing and tempura rock prawns were delicious, especially the chicken wings. Even we didn't taste the spice immediate, it was still hot enough. The tempura rock prawns looks pretty cute, seems to be popcorn, and the dressing was savoury.

Fifty shades of Tuna was our one of favourite dishes. [Chef](#) was kind and explained the dishes. The tuna was fresh and delicate, but the rice roll was good also because the seaweed was crispy.

I loved the Wagyu Sando very much because the wagyu tenderloin was juicy and tender, and although the milk bread was toasted, inside of it was soft.

The Matcha dessert was a hit for both of us, as the bitterness of the Matcha mousse cake is just covered by the sweetness of the red bean ice cream. We definitely will visit again because of the awesome food and amazing Sake!

Task 1: Will you pay a visit to this restaurant after reading the restaurant review?
State at least 3 reasons.

I (will / will not) pay a visit to this restaurant because _____



What is a restaurant review?

Task 2:
A restaurant review usually provides its reader with the following information. Are the **10 features** covered in the above review? Check that out by completing the table below. A few questions have been done as examples.

Features		Mentioned or not?
1. name of restaurant	Silencio	✓
2. cuisine	Japanese	✓
3. star rating	4.5	✓
4. location		
5. atmosphere / decor		
6. service		
7. hygiene		
8. Taste/quality of dishes ordered	Evita, deep fried chicken wing and what else?	
9. opening hours		
10. price range		

Task 3

The reviewer described the restaurant and the food it served using different adjectives. Highlight them and put them in the correct group.

Positive	Negative

Task 4

You may not have written a restaurant review but have probably read one.

A restaurant review tells its reader **if a restaurant is worth _____ or not.**

II. Reading

1. Purpose of writing a film review

We write film reviews to give the reader _____ about a film and to express our opinions about its _____ and _____ points. The reader usually wants to know if the film is worth _____.

2. Features of a film review

You are now reading two film reviews below. Circle the features in common in the two film reviews and try to name them. An example has been done for you.

Sample 1



Inside Out (2015)

A creative and heart-warming story that won't let you down

Rating: ★★★★★
Suitable for: all ages
Reviewed by: Richard Ho

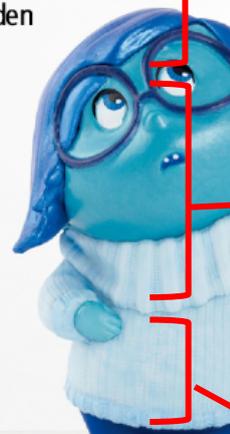
e.g. Title of the film

1 *Inside Out* is produced by Pixar Animation Studios and directed by Pete Docter and Ronnie del Carmen.

2 This animation is about Riley, an 11-year-old girl. The five emotions in her mind, Joy, Sadness, Fear, Disgust and Anger, are responsible for controlling her moods. The story is about how they work together to handle a sudden change in Riley's life.

3 I love *Inside Out* because it has a meaningful message. It teaches us to accept our emotions. It's totally fine if we get angry or sad sometimes because there's always a reason why we feel that way. I especially like how the film spreads the message that life isn't only about the positive things, so in addition to happiness, we need sadness, anger and fear in our life too.

4 I'd recommend this film to everyone. It's funny and inspiring. You can't ask for more than that from animations, can you?



Sample 2

Train to Busan

(2016)



DIRECTOR: Sang-ho Yeon

CAST: Yoo Gong, Soo-an Kim, Yu-mi Jeong, Dong-seok Ma

RUNNING TIME: 118 minutes

RATING: ★★★★★

Train to Busan is a zombie fan's dream. It is an action-horror masterpiece. It rarely gives you time to breathe as it pushes you into the middle of an unthinkable situation. If you were stuck on a train with swarms of zombies and there was nowhere to run nor hide, what would you do?

Seok-woo (played by Yoo Gong) is a divorced father, taking his daughter Soo-an (played by Soo-an Kim) to visit her mother in Busan as a birthday treat. Unfortunately, there's a zombie outbreak on the train. The passengers flee through carriages to avoid getting eaten or turned.

The film is fast-paced, action-packed and engaging. Despite the long running time, the thrilling plot keeps you on the edge of your seat. All the actors are doing tremendously great, from the children involved all the way through the adults and the elderly. Every actor plays the perfect role. The zombies look so real. The stunt performers who portray the zombies are amazing. They are moving so jittery and creepy that you can't picture a regular person doing it. With the excellent makeup and special effects, it's so convincing.

Train to Busan is not just a zombie horror film that will thrill you and entertain you; it will also get you emotional. The core of the film lies in the well-developed characters. They show you the truth about human nature. It's so touching when some characters who sacrifice themselves to help their loved ones as well as the strangers. They remind us that we should look out for each other even in the darkest days.

I think everyone should really go and watch it because it's not just a zombie film. There is meaning behind. Although I've watched so many films about zombies, it is one of the best zombie films I've ever watched.

1. What information is included in the information box?

2. Read Sample 1. What information is included in the introduction?

3. Compare the two introductions, which one is better? Why?

4. What tense is used in the following sections?

a) Plot summary _____

b) Opinion of the film _____

c) Recommendation _____

5. Give two sentence patterns used in Sample 1 and 2 for giving recommendations.

a) _____

b) _____

6. The reviewers commented on the movies using different adjectives. Circle them and put them in the correct group.

Review	Positive	Negative
Inside Out		
Train to Busan		

** 7. Rewrite the introduction of Sample 1. Make it a more attractive one.

