

**WORD LIST**

1. genre/kind
2. horror
3. comedy
4. drama
5. animated
6. critic
7. review
8. trailers
9. ratings
10. character
11. movie buff

**EXPRESSIONS**

1. *Watch a movie* - to view a film  
Explanation: I watch a movie when I am sitting before the screen and watching it as it plays. Days later, I say I have seen the movie.  
I may want to see another movie. In that case I must devote some time to watching it.
2. *Come out* - To be inaugurated, the first time presented
3. *All-time favorite* - Liked best, most favorite
4. *Munch on* - To eat or snack on
5. *Pros and cons* - Arguments or considerations for and against something
6. *Thumbs up* - An expression of approval or hopefulness
7. *Thumbs down* - Indicates disapproval or rejection

**Two Thumbs Up**

Beginning with the *Siskel & Ebert* incarnation, the show wrapped up with each critic rating the films with a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" as a bottom-line recommendation. "Thumbs up" means three stars or higher. This system departs from the longstanding tradition of star ratings. As the show became more influential, studios would proudly advertise when their movie got "two thumbs up". In response, the phrase was [trademarked](#) to ensure against [fraudulent](#) use that would endanger its credibility.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebert & Roeper#Popularity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ebert_%26_Roeper#Popularity)

REDUCTION - kindsa (kinds of)

**CONVERSATION CONNECTION**

**TOPIC: Movies**

**TOPIC 1 - Likes and Dislikes**

1. What is your favorite movie genre?
2. Which do you like better, action movies, comedy movies, or dramas?  
Why?
3. Do you watch animated movies? Why or why not?
4. What is your favorite animated movie? Why?
5. Do you like to watch horror movies? Why or why not?
6. Is there a movie you could watch over and over again?
7. Who's your favorite director? Why?
8. Who is your favorite actor or actress? Why?
9. Are there any kinds of movies you dislike? If so, what kinds? Why do you dislike them?
10. If a book has been made into a movie, which do you prefer to do first, see the movie or read the book? Why?
11. Which book have you read and then seen the movie? Did you like the movie version? Why or why not?
12. What is your all-time favorite movie?
13. What's one of your favorite movies?
  - What kind of movie is it?
  - Who's in it?
  - Who directed it?
  - Why do you like it?
  - When did it come out?
  - Where was it filmed?

- How many times have you seen it?
- Would you recommend it? Why?

## **CONVERSATION CONNECTION**

**TOPIC: Movies**

### **TOPIC 2 - Movie Watching**

1. Do you usually watch movies at home or at a movie theater?
2. How often do you go to movies?
3. How often do you rent DVDs or videos?
4. Do you rent them at a store or online? What are the pros and cons of each?
5. How many DVDs do you own?
6. How do you decide which movie to watch? Do you ask friends or read a movie review?
7. What was the last movie you saw? Was it good? Who did you see it with?
8. Do you watch animated movies? Why or why not?
9. What is your favorite animated movie?
10. What movie star would you most like to meet?
11. What do you like to munch on when you watch a movie?
12. When you go to the movie theater, do you arrive early and watch the trailers?

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### **TOPIC 3 - American Movies**

1. How much does it cost to see a movie in your country?
2. What is the first American movie you remember seeing? What did you like about the movie? What didn't you like about it?
3. What movie have you watched in your language and then watched in English? Was the translation good?
4. Are American movie titles always the same when they're translated into your language?
5. Do you think American movies represent the American culture well? Why or why not?
6. What movie from your country would you recommend to your friends here in the United States? Why?
7. What is your favorite American comedy?
8. What is your favorite American drama?
9. Which is your favorite American movie character? Why?
10. Are movies rated in your country? Is there an age restriction on movies?
11. Do you ever read movie reviews before watching a movie? What reviews do you read?
12. Do you ever watch movie reviews on television or online? Which critics do you watch?
13. Are the thumbs up and thumbs down gestures used in your country to express approval and disapproval?