

Talk a Lot

Films

General Questions

1. Are there any words or phrases that you don't know? Find them in a dictionary.
2. Take some cards. Describe the word or phrase on a card without saying it.
3. How many words and phrases have... a) 1 syllable, b) 2 syllables, c) 3 syllables, d) 4 syllables, e) 5 syllables?
4. Put words and phrases with more than one syllable into groups according to where the strong stress falls.
5. Put the words and phrases into alphabetical order.
6. Find and put into groups... a) compound nouns, b) words with suffixes.
7. Put together words and phrases that have the same number of letters.
8. Put together words and phrases that start with the same letter.
9. How many words and phrases can you remember when they are all turned over?
10. Put words and phrases that contain the same sounds into groups, using the IPA.

Lesson Questions

1. Which word sounds like... a) hot, b) equal, c) car, d) karma, e) zero, f) day, g) floors?
2. Find all of the different people, and say what each one does.
3. This format replaced video cassettes in the 1990s.
4. This is both a kind of film and a kind of television.
5. Which word is a compound noun meaning a snack that people often eat while watching a film?
6. Put together all of the words which are commands on a remote control or media player console, and put them into a logical order.
7. This is a film that wasn't very popular.
8. a) Find all of the different film genres. b) Say two film titles for each genre. c) Put them into order, from your favourite to your least favourite.
9. This phrase is a place where you could buy a ticket to watch a film.
10. Find the words beginning with a vowel sound and put them into sound groups.
11. This is a film that gets made if the original film is successful.

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Discussion Words Question Sheet

Answers

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3. a) 6 words have 1 syllable: pause, film, flop, star, plot, play. b) 19 words have 2 syllables: record, classic, sequel, screenplay, widescreen, romance, horror, forward, actor, review, action, popcorn, rental, soundtrack, actress, award, drama, download, hero. c) 10 words and phrases have 3 syllables: blockbuster, home movie, subtitles, cinema, DVD, comedy, box office, surround sound, director, editor. d) 3 words and phrases have 4 syllables: projectionist, animation, special effects. e) 2 phrases have 5 syllables: DVD player, video camera.

4. 2 syllables: these words have the strong stress on the first syllable: **classic**, **sequel**, **screenplay**, **widescreen**, **horror**, **forward**, **actor**, **action**, **popcorn**, **rental**, **soundtrack**, **actress**, **drama**, **download**, **hero**; these words have the strong stress on the second syllable: **record**, **romance**, **review**, **award**. 3 syllables: these words and phrases have the strong stress on the first syllable: **blockbuster**, **subtitles**, **cinema**, **comedy**, **box office**, **editor**; these words and phrases have the strong stress on the middle syllable: **director**, **surround sound**, **home movie**; this word has the strong stress on the last syllable: **DVD**. 4 syllables: this word has the strong stress on the second syllable: **projectionist**; this word has the strong stress on the third syllable: **animation**; this phrase has the strong stress on the fourth syllable: **special effects**. 5 syllables this phrase has the strong stress on the first syllable: **video camera**; this phrase has the strong stress on the third syllable: **DVD player**.

5. Action, actor, actress, animation, award, blockbuster, box office, cinema, classic, comedy, director, download, drama, DVD, DVD player, editor, film, flop, forward, hero, home movie, horror, pause, play, plot, popcorn, projectionist, record, rental, review, romance, screenplay, sequel, soundtrack, special effects, star, subtitles, surround sound, video camera, widescreen.

6. a) The following words are compound nouns: blockbuster (block + buster), download (down + load), popcorn (pop + corn), screenplay (screen + play), soundtrack (sound + track), widescreen (wide + screen). b) The following words contain suffixes: **actor**, **director**, **editor**, **horror**; **action**, **animation**; **cinema**, **drama**; **actress**; **sequel**; **comedy**; **forward**; **hero**; **projectionist**; **rental**; **review**; **romance**.

7. **3 letters:** DVD. **4 letters:** film, flop, hero, play, plot, star. **5 letters:** actor, award, drama, pause. **6 letters:** action, cinema, comedy, editor, horror, record, rental, review, sequel. **7 letters:** actress, classic, forward, popcorn, romance. **8 letters:** director, download. **9 letters:** animation, box office, DVD player, home movie, subtitles. **10 letters:** screenplay, soundtrack, widescreen. **11 letters:** blockbuster, video camera. **13 letters:** projectionist, surround sound. **14 letters:** special effects.

8. See answer to number 5 above.

9. Answers will vary.

10. There are many possible answers to this question; for example, "blockbuster", "flop", "horror", "comedy", "box office", "plot", and "popcorn" all contain the vowel sound /ɒ/. Use the phonetic chart on p.18.6 of the **Talk a Lot Elementary Handbook** (available free from <https://purlandtraining.com/>) and the phonetic spellings of the vocabulary words on the *Discussion Words (with the IPA)* handout to help your students put the words into sound groups.

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1. a) plot. b) sequel. c) star. d) drama. e) hero. f) play. g) pause.

2. The different people are: **projectionist** – works at the cinema and makes sure that the film plays properly; **star** – a famous actor or actress who has the main role in a high-profile film; **actor** – a man who acts, e.g. in a film, play, TV show, etc. (note: *actor* can also mean a woman who acts); **actress** – a woman who acts; **director** – the person who is in charge of making a film, play, TV show, etc.; **editor** – the person who is in charge of cutting together the scenes in a film or TV show.

3. DVD.

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4. Widescreen.

5. Popcorn.

6. Answers will vary. Suggested answer:

7. Flop.

8. a) The different film genres are: blockbuster, classic, sequel, romance, horror, comedy, action, animation, drama.
b) Answers will vary. Suggested answers: **blockbuster** – Hulk, Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull; **classic** – Gone with the Wind, The Godfather; **sequel** – The Godfather Part II, Batman Returns; **romance** – Sleepless in Seattle, Pride and Prejudice; **horror** – Nightmare on Elm Street, Frankenstein; **comedy** – Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, Tropic Thunder; **action** – Die Hard, Under Siege; **animation** – Shrek, Beauty and the Beast; **drama** – Australia, Raging Bull. c) Answers will vary.

9. Box office.

10. The following words begin with a vowel sound: /æ/ actor, action, animation, actress; /ə/ award; /e/ editor.

11. Sequel.