

## HOW TO WRITE A REVIEW

### INTRODUCTION:

- This work is based on the script... / This course is about...
- This film is based on the novel... / The main points...
- This is the first novel written by... / This course is taught by...
- It is set in the countryside... / The course is taught in/at...
- This is a romantic musical set in ... /
- This is dramatic thriller starring Nicole Kidman as X and Tom Cruise playing the role of....
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### DESCRIBE:

- THE PLOT
- THE RESTAURANT
- THE COURSE
- THE BOOK

REMEMBER TO USE A LOT OF ADJECTIVES!

### OPINION / CONCLUSION

- This film is a must for anybody interested in good cinema
- Don't miss it
- It is well worth seeing
- I would have no hesitation in recommending...
- I would therefore recommend it

Do you recommend it?  
 What is your personal opinion?  
 What are your feelings about it?

Some adjectives	Adverbs of intensity
Brilliant	Extremely
Captivating	Completely
Dynamic	Really
Fascinating	Quite
Inspiring	Fairly
Stimulating	Rather
Entertaining	Slightly
First-rate	A bit
Absurd	
Disappointing	
Appalling	
Grotesque	
Ridiculous	
Unrealistic	
Tedious	
shameful	

## Examples of reviews

### An example review B1: War of the Worlds

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.

### An example review B2 / C1: The Dark Knight Rises

Christopher Nolan brings another adrenaline-filled, comic-inspired movie to the big screen. Christian Bale stars as both the classic caped crusader and his billionaire alter-ego, Bruce Wayne in this third Batman film. We see all sorts of familiar faces this time around, but the audience is introduced to a few new characters as well.

When crisis threatens Gotham City, Bruce Wayne jumps back into the Batmobile to fight crime. Batman is joined on his adventure by an eager orphaned cop (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), a seductive cat burglar (Anne Hathaway), and a violent masked villain (Tom Hardy). All actors, new and old, shone and were superb in their respective roles.

True to Nolan's style, at 164 minutes, this film is fairly long, but the gorgeous action scenes and impressive dialogue really held the audience's attention and kept them on the edge of their seats. However, the timeline was a bit unclear at times. For a number of scenes, it was hard to tell whether it had been days or months or years that had passed since the last time a given character had been on screen.

This film serves as great entertainment with its colourful cast and numerous plot twists. Despite the film's minor shortcomings, *The Dark Knight Rises* is exciting, creative, and dark, so it is well worth spending a few hours of your time.

## **HOMEWORK**

**TRINITY ISE I: (100 – 130 words)** Write a review about a film you have watched recently. Remember to use a wide variety of vocabulary and an informal style

**TRINITY ISE II: (150 - 180 words)** Write a review about a book you have recently read. Remember to use a wide variety of vocabulary and an informal style.

**TRINITY ISE III (200 - 230 words)** Write a review about a film you have watched that was based on a book, providing examples of how the book and the film are different or similar. Remember to use a wide variety of vocabulary and an informal style.