

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 03: How was the movie?
レッスン 03: 映画はどうでしたか?

Target: Talking about the past using "to be"
目的: be動詞を使って、過去について話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• special effects	特殊効果	• in prison	獄中に
• wonderful	素晴らしい、見事な	• moving	心を打つ
• at the end	最後に	• touched	感動した
• take out...	【・・・を】 やっつける	• thrilling	ワクワク [ゾクゾク] させる
• a hostage	人質	• based on	～に基づいている
• entire	全体の	• a gangster	暴力団員
• redemption	取り戻し	• tell a joke	冗談を言う
• ago	～前に	• good at...	～が得意 [上手] だ
• star...	主役として使う	• when	～するときに

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

This week in "Voice on Campus," we asked students and teachers about their favorite movies. So, everybody, what is your favorite movie and why?

Gary Dupre, Student, 21: My favorite movie is "The Dark Knight." It is a superhero movie about Batman. I watched it last year, and it was fantastic. The story was amazing and the special effects were wonderful. My favorite scene was at the end. Batman took out an entire SWAT team and saved the hostages. It was really exciting. I also really liked the actors. Heath Ledger was an amazing Joker. He was lots of fun to watch, but he was a little scary sometimes. Unfortunately, he died before the movie was released.

Douglas Argo, Teacher, 43: I love the "Shawshank Redemption." I watched it 15 years ago. It starred Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, was in prison and he met Morgan Freeman's character, Red. They became friends and helped each other. This movie was so moving and I was very touched by the ending.

Sheri Shields, Teacher, 38: My favorite movie is "Goodfellas." I watched it in the cinema in 1990. It was fun, exciting and thrilling. It is based on a real story. Henry Hill was a gangster. He lived in New York. My favorite scenes are in the gangster's nightclub. They were all drinking, talking, telling jokes and laughing. Those scenes were very funny. The movie's cast was really good. My favorite actor in the movie was Ray Liotta. He is always lots of fun to watch.

Eleanor Pritchett, Student, 20: I think that my favorite movie is "Forrest Gump." It stars Tom Hanks and Gary Sinise. Tom Hanks' character, Forrest, was a very kind man. He had a very interesting life and did many amazing things. He was good at running, and he was in Vietnam. He met many famous people. I loved this movie because it was funny and interesting.

Arthur Gant, Teacher, 61: My favorite movie? I like "Schindler's List," but I prefer "Casablanca." It is a classic movie. I first saw it in the cinema when I was 24. It starred Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Humphrey Bogart was a very cool actor. He was handsome and interesting. Ingrid Bergman was very beautiful. Casablanca was an excellent movie!

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Answer the questions below

1. Was "The Dark Knight" fantastic?
2. How were the special effects?
3. Was Argo touched by the ending of "Shawshank Redemption"?
4. What scenes in "Goodfellas" were very funny?
5. What was Forrest good at?
6. Who was a very good actor?
7. Was Ingrid Bergman very beautiful?
8. How many examples of past "be" can you find?

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