

Unit 8 Speaking Test

About you

1 Talk about recommending and expressing preferences.

- How often do you read books? How often do you watch films?
- What is your favourite book genre?
- Which films or books have you watched / read recently that you would recommend? Why?
- Do you think it's best to read a book before seeing a film adaptation of it? Why? / Why not?
- What different ways are there to watch films?

Role-play

2 Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box. Then practise the dialogue.

How about watching I'd prefer to
I'd rather watch I'm a big fan of
I'm not really into you might prefer

- A OK, so we have to watch a film and discuss it for our project. ¹ _____ a classic like *Notting Hill*?
- B That's a romantic comedy, isn't it? Mm sorry, but ² _____ that kind of thing.
- A Well, ³ _____ *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. It's another classic, an action adventure film.
- B Yes, I know. It's a fantastic film, but, to be honest, ⁴ _____ something more real, like a historical film.
- A I fancy watching *The King's Speech*. I've never seen it. It's a drama starring Colin Firth, and he's one of my favourite actors.
- B ⁵ _____ watch that one!
- A ⁶ _____ Helena Bonham Carter who also stars in it. My brother told me it's good.
- B Great! Let's watch it tonight.

EXTENSION Imagine you have to watch a film for a school project. Discuss the genre and decide on the film you would prefer to watch.

- A Suggest a film and say what genre it is.
- B Respond.
- A Make another suggestion.
- B Say what kind of genre you'd prefer to watch.

- A Say what you'd like to watch and what genre it is.
- B Respond.
- A Mention who recommended it to you.
- B Respond.

Photo description

3 Describe the photos.

Photo A

- Describe the people in the photo. Where are they? Why are they reacting in this way?
- How do you think they are feeling?
- Do you ever do this while watching a film? When? What makes you do this?
- What is your favourite film? Why?



Photo B

- Describe the people in the photo. Where are they? Why are they reacting in this way?
- How do you think they are feeling?
- Do you ever do this while watching a film? When? What makes you do this?
- What film genre do you prefer? Why?



EXTENSION Answer the questions.

- Where do you usually watch films? Why?
- Who is your favourite actor? Why?
- What film genres don't you like? Why?