



Essential Reading Skills

Identifying sequences of events

First, you will have a group discussion with other applicants. **Then**, you will give a presentation. **Next**, our managers will ask you some questions.

Words like '**first**', '**then**' and '**next**' show the sequence of events.

Deducing meaning from prefixes

A **multiplex** cinema has many different screens so people have a choice of films to watch.

The **prefix** at the beginning of the word can help you understand its meaning.

Identifying the purpose of writing

I am writing to **apply for the job of Project Assistant** posted on your website on 3 June.

The **purpose** of writing is usually stated at the beginning of the text.



Text Type Analysis

Job advertisement

The Daily Times

Company

Trainee journalist

Job title

We are looking for a young and energetic person who is looking for a career in journalism.

You should have very good written English and be able to produce interesting articles.

The successful applicant will follow a half-year training programme before joining our team of experienced journalists.

Please apply to hr@dailytimes123.com attaching your CV.

Job details

Contacts

Film review

Godzilla

Film title

Release date: May 2014

Format: 2D and 3D

Cost of production: US\$150 million

Director: Gareth Edwards

Starring: Elisabeth Olsen, Aaron Taylor-Johnston, Bryan Cranston, Sally Hawkins, Ken Watanabe

Film details

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Summary of the film

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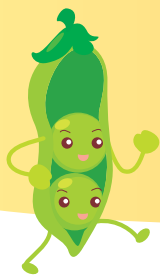
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Comments on the film

Star rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆



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Godzilla



20 minutes

Text Type



Film review

Skills Focus Inferring the feelings of the writer

The special effects catch the audience's attention, but the storyline is quite **disappointing**.

We can infer the feelings of the writer by identifying the **adjectives**.



Word Preview — People making films



a cameraman

an actress

a director

an actor



Reading a film review

Judy is reading a film review.

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The climax of the film happens near the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. The United States Navy has failed to kill a male and female MUTO (Massive Unidentified Terrestrial Organism) that feed off nuclear radiation. The Admiral

Fun Fact

The word *Godzilla* comes from the English word 'gorilla' and the Japanese word *kujira* (whale).



15 who is in charge of the navy operation agrees to let Godzilla fight against the MUTO. Finally, Godzilla kills the female with his atomic breath and destroys the other MUTO by smashing it into a skyscraper, which collapses and knocks over Godzilla.

20 In the media, both on TV and in all the newspapers, Godzilla is called 'The King of Monsters' and the 'Savior of the City'. In the last scene, Godzilla wakes up and gives one final roar before vanishing into the sea.

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Have a go

Answer these questions about the film review. Blacken the circle next to the correct answer.

1. How many MUTO does Godzilla fight against in San Francisco?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

 **Answering Tips**

Read lines 13–14.

2. In line 10, what does 'that theme' refer to?

- A. the threat of a nuclear disaster
- B. the use of modern technology
- C. massive explosions
- D. battle scenes

3. In line 17, what does 'it' refer to?

- A. the United States Navy
- B. Godzilla
- C. the female MUTO
- D. the male MUTO

4. The film review is written by _____.

- A. an editor B. a director
 C. a reviewer D. an actor

5. Where does Godzilla disappear at the end of the film?



A.



B.



C.



D.



Level Up

Answer the questions and complete the sentence.

1. When was the original Godzilla film made?

2. Where does the climax of the film take place?

3. The MUTO eats _____.

4. How did Godzilla defeat the female MUTO?

5. According to the writer, which is the most attractive part of the film?



Help You Write

Use the correct preposition.



Answering Tips

What are the viewers most interested in?



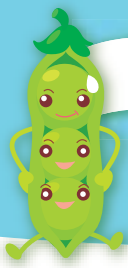
Word Bank

'To knock someone over' or 'to knock someone down' can mean *to hit someone very hard so that they fall to the ground*:

- A skyscraper **knocks over** Godzilla.
- The bus nearly **knocked down** the old man.



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Checkpoint

Open Day events



10 minutes



Reading events programme

Judy is reading the event programmes of the school Open Day.

Welcome to our Open Day. We are very pleased to demonstrate the excellent work of our students to all of you.

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| <p><u>Opening speech</u> Time: 9.30 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. Venue: School hall Our Principal, Mrs Thomas, will give an overview of the school and highlight the achievements of our school this year.</p> | <p><u>Art demonstration and exhibition</u> Time: 10.15 a.m. – 11.15 a.m. Venue: Art room Students are demonstrating some painting and sculpting techniques. There is also an exhibition of student artwork.</p> |
| <p><u>Drama performance</u> Time: 11.30 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. Venue: School hall Primary 5 and 6 students are performing 3 short plays they have written and produced themselves. Come and watch the stars of tomorrow.</p> | <p><u>Lunch</u> Time: 12.45 p.m. – 1.45 p.m. Venue: Canteen Come and try the food prepared by our students. These healthy recipes are delicious.</p> |
| <p><u>Gymnastics display</u> Time: 2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. Venue: Gym Our students are entertaining you with their floor and bar skills. They have put in hours of practice to make this a very special event.</p> | <p><u>Concert</u> Time: 3.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. Venue: School hall Our students are performing 4 short pieces of music, classical, jazz, rock and pop.</p> |



Have a go

Blacken the circle next to the correct answer.

- How long is the opening speech?
 - A. 30 minutes B. 45 minutes
 - C. 1 hour D. 2 hours
- What time does the Art demonstration finish?
 - A. 10.00 a.m.
 - B. 10.15 a.m.
 - C. 11.15 a.m.
 - D. 11.30 a.m.
- Judy can watch a drama performance at _____.
 - A. 9.30 a.m. B. 10.15 a.m.
 - C. 11.30 a.m. D. 12.45 a.m.
- Which of the following is not held in the school hall?
 - A. opening speech
 - B. drama performance
 - C. gymnastics display
 - D. concert



Vocabulary List

Unit 1

director (n) 導演

actor (n) 男演員

actress (n) 女演員

cameraman (n) 攝影師

knock over (phr v) 撞倒

knock down (phr v) 撞倒

Unit 2

museum visit (n) 參觀博物館

Open Day (n) 開放日

Closing Ceremony (n)
結業禮

Parents' Day (n) 家長日

international (adj) 國際性的

interact (v) 交流

interchange (v) 交換

Unit 3

air-ticket (n) 機票

luggage (n) 行李

passport (n) 護照

check-in counter (n)
登機櫃位

depart from (phr v) 從...離開

arrive at (phr v) 到達

Unit 4

poetry book (n) 詩集

novel (n) 小說

cookery book (n) 食譜

craft book (n) 手工藝書

visit (v) 瀏覽

browse (v) 瀏覽

look up (phr v) 查閱