

17 Film and music

There are many different types of films. When we speak about types or kinds of film we often use the word **genre**. The word **genre** means the type or style of film (it is also used in other forms of art). Some films are funny, some are scary and some are exciting. We use genres to describe these films.

Movie genres

- Romance
- Musical
- Fantasy
- Western
- Horror
- Historical
- Drama
- Biographical
- Documentary
- War
- Family
- Sci-Fi
- Film Noir
- Comedy
- Action
- Crime

Some of the most well-known jobs in the film industry:

The **producer (PRODUCENT)** is the person responsible for everything that happens from the start to finish. The producer works on everything from the concept to the script to casting through to editing. The producer has to manage all the rest of the people who are working on the film and make sure everybody does their job on time and on **budget**.

The **director's (REŽISÉR)** main job is to manage the technical and artistic team that make the film. The director **runs the film shoots** and **tells everybody what to do**. They work with the actors to help them perform their lines and actions so that the film can be edited into a story that makes sense.

The **screenwriter (SCÉNÁRISTA)** is the person who **turns the story into a script**. It is their job to make sure the dialogue sounds natural and the sequence of events in the film take place in the right way so that the story progresses smoothly and in an interesting way.

The **Art Director (FILMOVÝ ARCHITEKT, SCÉNOGRAF)** is responsible for the **film sets and props**. The sets are the settings where the scenes take place and the props are the things like guns and tools that actors use. If a film is set in interesting places like in historical dramas or science-fiction films, the Art Director will be very important as they have to build complex environments and find realistic props.

The **cinematographer (KAMERAMAN)** is also known as the director of photography. They are responsible for setting up the **camera shots**. This means they have to decide what camera and lens to use and how the lighting needs to be set up to make the film look right.

The **editor's (STŘIHAČ)** job is to take the sound and film from the director and **cut it together into a film**. They have to take hundreds of different shots and organise them into one continuous sequence. They often work closely with the director so that **the finished film** looks the way the director imagined it.

The **actors (HERCI)** have the most famous roles in film production. They act out the script and try to portray the characters in the film, showing the emotions the characters feel as realistically as they can.

The job of **stuntmen/stuntwomen (KASKADÉŘI)** is to do dangerous things in place of actors in a film.

Extras (KOMPARZISTÉ) are the people who are used when lots of people are needed e.g. crowds at a football match, in a market or in a war battle. Some films have hundreds of extras. Extras don't usually have speaking roles.

Film festivals and film awards

The Academy Awards, also known as **the Oscars**, are awards for artistic and technical merit for the film industry. The awards ceremonies take place in **Hollywood, California**, every year at the end of February or beginning of March. The Academy Awards are regarded by many as the most prestigious, significant awards in the entertainment industry in the United States and worldwide. **The "Big Five" Oscars award categories** are those for Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Screenplay, either original or adapted.

Three **Czech or Czechoslovak films** have won an **Oscar for the best international feature film**: The Shop on Main Street (dir. Ján Kadár & Elmar Klos, 1965), Closely Watched Trains (Jiří Menzel, 1966), and Kolya (Jan Svěrák, 1996).

The Karlovy Vary International Film Festival is a film festival held annually in July in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic. The Karlovy Vary Festival is one of the oldest in the world and has become Central and Eastern Europe's leading film event. Every year, it is attended by many prominent guests from all over the world. Since 1948, the Grand Prize has been the **Crystal Globe**.

Miloš Forman (1932 – 2018) was a Czech-American film director, screenwriter, actor, and professor who rose to fame in his native Czechoslovakia before emigrating to the United States in 1968.

In 1975, he directed **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** starring Jack Nicholson as a patient in a mental institution. The film was a huge blockbuster and **was the second in history to win all five major Academy Awards (Oscars)**: Best Picture, Director, Screenplay, Actor in Leading Role, and Actress in Leading Role.

A period film, **Amadeus** (1984), based on the life of famed classical musician Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was both a critical and financial success earning eleven **Oscar** nominations with **eight wins** including for **Best Picture**, and another win for **Forman as Best Director**.

Some of other Forman's famous movies include Hair, Ragtime, or The People vs. Larry Flynt.

Phrases to use when you like a movie

- There are **great things** about this film.
- Perhaps the **best special effects** I've ever seen in a movie.
- The **sound effects complement** the action perfectly.
- The movie **is funnier than** most good comedies.
- I was **totally blown away** by this film.
- This horror movie is **a masterpiece**. It's **really gripping**.
- Without a doubt one of the **most influential films of all time**.
- This film should be **remembered throughout history**.
- The movie is full of **twists and surprises**.
- I love how the film explores **controversial topics**.
- The documentary was **informative**.

Phrases to use when you don't like a movie

- The dialogues are **terrible**.
- The film is **overrated**.
- The movie was **boring**.
- This movie adaptation was a real **let-down**.
- The plot is too **complex**.
- The movie is **quite predictable**.
- No part of this movie **made sense**.
- One of the most **stupid, senseless and ridiculous** movies I have ever watched.

Questions (film and music)

- *Do you go to the cinema? Why / Why not?*
- *Do you prefer reading a book or seeing a film? Why?*
- *Do you prefer seeing a film in English with subtitles or with Czech dubbing? Why?*
- *What was the best film you have ever seen? Tell me about it.*
- *What was the worst film you have seen recently? Tell me about it.*
- *Would you like to meet a film celebrity? Whom? Why? / Why not?*
- *If you were a film star, what kind of films would you like to play in? Why?*

- **What type of movies do you usually watch? Why?**
I like / prefer to watch / love / adore... comedies / thrillers / musicals / horror movies / dramas / historical films / romantic comedies / animated films / documentaries... because they are entertaining / address interesting issues / are full of suspense / you can learn about life in the past or in different countries.
- **Who is your favourite actor / actress or director? Why do you like him/her?**
My favourite actor / actress / director... My idol... The actor I admire / prefer is... I like him / her because... he / she acts well / makes good films / makes me laugh / is very convincing in his / her roles.
- **Where do you watch films? Which do you prefer?**
I watch films at the cinema / on television / on DVD / on the internet... It's better / I prefer to watch films / I like watching films this way because... I like to stay at home / I can watch what I want / I won't be disturbed by other people... because I can go out with my friends / the seats are more comfortable / the sound and picture quality is better.
- **How much are you influenced by film reviews? Why?**
Very much. I read film reviews all the time, and if a good reviewer recommends a movie, I go to see it... They sometimes influence me / I'm interested in the opinion of film reviewers and I might go if they recommend something I've never heard of before. / Not at all, I never read film reviews. Whether or not I like a film is entirely up to me / is my own decision.
- **What types of musical events do you attend? Where are these events held?**
I go to rock / jazz / hip hop / classical... concerts / recitals / outdoor festivals / concert halls / entertainment centres / sports halls / pubs / clubs / parks.
- **What styles of music do you like? And what don't you like?**
I like / love / adore / prefer / am into... classical music / rock / pop... I listen to... jazz / soul / blues. I can't stand / hate / don't care about... hip hop / folk.