

# Leisure Time and Entertainment, Film



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## Warm-up

*Work in pairs.*

- What kind of leisure-time activities do you like?
- Do you like to spend time in the outdoors, or do you prefer indoor activities?
- Do you like activities with a lot of people, or do you prefer to be with just a few friends?
- What sort of social games and team sports do you like to play?
- Describe your main hobby.
- Do you like going to the cinema or do you prefer watching films on TV?
- What types of movies do you like and who are your favourite actors?
- How often do you go to the theatre?
- Why are movies one of the most popular forms of entertainment?
- In your opinion, what are the qualities of a good movie?
- How can good movies benefit us – what can we learn from them?
- Does violence in movies affect people's behaviour in real life? How?

## Speaking

*Think about a film you have seen recently. You are going to tell a partner about it. Choose from the list below the things you want to talk about.*

- Where and when did you see the film?
- Why did you choose the film?
- What did you know about it beforehand?
- Who did you see it with?
- Do you know who directed the film?
- Who were the actors?
- What type of film was it?
- What was the main story?
- Did it have a happy ending?
- Did you enjoy the film more or less than you expected?
- Would you recommend this film?

*Tell your partner about the film.*

## Reading

*Read this web report of an interview with Tom Hanks.*

### Mr Nice Guy

In an online interview for Contactmusic.com, Hollywood actor, Tom Hanks, has revealed that he is happy being known as “Mr Nice Guy”.

When they asked him how he felt about his *nice guy* persona, he told them that he was happy with it and that he felt confident that he lived up to his reputation.

They asked him where this reputation had come from, and he told them that he thought it as because he had always cooperated with the press. They asked him whether he had ever had problems with the paparazzi, and he told them that he hadn't because he respected people, even when he didn't like them.

Brisbanetimes.com asked the *Forrest Gump* star why he always played the part of the nice guy in films and never the villain. He reminded them that he had played the part of an executioner in *The Green Mile*, but, because of his nice guy image, the media had reported that he was a “nice executioner”!

Finally, the Chinadaily.com asked him what his current plans were, and he said that he wanted to direct again, but that he couldn't do that at the moment, because it would take him away from his children. What a nice guy!

1) *Why is Tom Hanks known as “Mr Nice Guy”?*

## Grammar (reported speech)

2) *What are the actual questions that were used in the interview? Underline the five reported questions in the report and rewrite them in direct speech.*

How do you feel about your “nice guy” persona?

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3) *Look at the examples in Exercise 2 and decide if the following statements are true or false when you report questions.*

- a) *The tense usually moves back in a reported question (present simple → past simple).*
- b) *Whether or if are used to report yes/no questions (Did you go out? → She asked me if I'd been out).*
- c) *The word order changes to **subject** + **verb** (Who **are** you? → he asked me who **I was**.).*

## Grammar (reported speech)

*Read the newspaper article about a great-grandmother's lucky escape.  
Complete the article by changing the direct speech into reported speech.*

### Lucky Escape

A great-grandmother told this newspaper how she escaped death by inches after being hit by a meteorite travelling at 300 mph. Margaret Brown said (1 "It just missed my head and hit my arm.") *it had just missed her head and (had) hit her arm.*

76-year old Margaret was hanging out washing in her garden when the brown metallic stone hit her. She said, (2 "I felt a nasty pain on my arm which started bleeding heavily.") ..... . Her husband found the three-centimetre rock on the grass. She added that (3 "I'm glad it didn't hit me on the head!") ..... . Experts are analysing the walnut-sized rock.

A spokesman from the British Astronomical Society said, (4 "There's a good chance it is a meteorite.") ..... . But he added that (5 "The chance of being hit by one are incredibly small.") ..... . He explained that (6 "Most meteorites disintegrate as they enter the atmosphere.") ..... . However, on average, one falls to earth every week.

## Grammar (reported speech)

*Complete the sentences with **asked**, **said** or **told**.*

- a) She *said* she didn't believe me.
- b) I ..... her it was true.
- c) She ..... me why I hadn't told her.
- d) I ..... I'd wanted to.
- e) She ..... she'd been really upset.
- f) I ..... her I was sorry.
- g) She ..... me if I'd go with her.
- h) I ..... her I couldn't.

*What do you think the conversation was about? Discuss with a partner.*

## Grammar (reported speech)

*Report the direct speech using the verb in brackets. Use **He/She** and **him/her** according to whether you think it is a man speaking to a woman or a woman speaking to a man.*

- a) "I hate spending money on new clothes." (said)  
*He said that he hated spending money on new clothes.*
- b) "I'm wearing this outfit again!" (told)
- c) "Do you think I look fat in these trousers?" (ask)
- d) "I must go on a diet." (said)
- e) "I've checked the oil and put some air in the tyres." (told)
- f) "Don't forget that it's our anniversary tomorrow." (asked)
- g) "I don't to get married until I'm forty." (said)
- h) "What time our salsa class finish?" (asked)

*Compare your idea with your partner.*



# Listening

*For practice in listening, go to:*

<http://www.esl-lab.com/nightlife/nightliferd1.htm>

<http://www.esl-lab.com/review/review.htm>

# Thanks for your attention



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