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Hi, everyone, I'm George. Because of lockdown, lots of people have been watching more films this year so, today, we're going to learn how to talk about movie in English.

> **George 1:** You all right?
> **George 2:** All right.
> **George 1:** I saw a film last night.
> **George 2:** Oh, yes?
> **George 1:** What film?
> **George 2:** Birthday Revenge.
> **George 1:** Any good?
> **George 2:** Yes.

It's useful to learn some film vocabulary to continue the conversation about the movie you've seen. You might want to start by talking about the genre.

Is it an action film? A fantasy? A horror? Or a sci-fi?

After you've told the person the genre, you might want to say when or where the film is set. This means when or where the action happens.

So, you could say it's a sci-fi film set on the moon. Or it's set in London in the 1930s. Or it's set in Korea in the year 3000.

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> **George 2:** Any good?
> **George 1:** Yes, it's an action film set in London.

Next, you can tell someone the general story by using the phrase It's about.

For example, It's about a boy who gets bitten by a radioactive spider and has superhuman spider-like abilities.

It's about a gangster boss called Tommy Lee, who has a birthday party, but one of the gangsters, called Johnny, isn't there.

> **Tommy Lee:** Where's Johnny?
> **Johnny:** I'm at the supermarket.
> **Tommy Lee:** You're going to wish you came to my birthday party.

Next, you could talk about the film's special effects. When we talk about special effects, we mean the action that's made using computers or special equipment to make the film look more exciting.

For example, The film had amazing special effects. Or, The special effects were really impressive! It had some really impressive special effects.

You might also want to talk about the soundtrack, the music used in the film.
For example, The soundtrack was awesome! Or, That film had a great soundtrack!

George: It has an awesome soundtrack.

Next, you could talk about the cast, the actors in the film. For example, It has a great cast.
You could also talk about the acting too. For example, The acting was really convincing!
(Which means realistic.) Or, the acting was a bit unconvincing, not very realistic.

The acting is a bit rubbish.

Johnny: If you hurt me, Tommy, I will call the police.

The film might also have a twist, which is a sudden change in the story that you didn't
expect. For example, The film had a brilliant twist. There's a great twist at the end.

Tommy: Why weren't you at my birthday party?
Johnny: Tommy, Your birthday is next Tuesday. That's why I wasn't at your party.
Tommy: But that's not possible.

The film might also have some plot holes in it too. Plot means story, so there are lots of
holes in the story. It doesn't really make sense. For example, The film was great, but it had a
few plot holes, but there are a few plot holes in it.

Tommy: Why didn't you tell me before?
Johnny: I don't know.

VOCABULARY

convincing (adjective) – something that seems real or true and makes you believe it.

genre (noun) – a type or kind of movie, book, or music, like action, comedy, or horror.

impressive (adjective) – something that is really good, amazing, or makes you say "wow!"

lockdown (noun) – a time when people must stay at home to be safe.

phrase (noun) – a small group of words that go together to give an idea or meaning.

plot hole (noun) – a mistake in a story that doesn't make sense.

plot twist (noun) – a surprise change in the story that you didn't see coming.

soundtrack (noun) – the music played in a movie or show.