

UNIT 2 CULTURE VULTURE

1 VOCABULARY: adjectives for expressing opinions

A Write the adjectives from the box in the correct column of the table.

ridiculous brilliant weird incredible dull rubbish fascinating hilarious

Positive

Negative

B Choose the correct adjective to complete the sentences.

- I really liked the latest James Bond film. The action scenes were ...
a) incredible. b) ridiculous.
- I don't think this kind of art is very good. What does it mean? It's ...
a) brilliant. b) dull.
- This kind of video art is new and interesting. It's really ...
a) dull. b) fascinating.
- Many people thought the play was very funny. It was ...
a) hilarious. b) weird.
- I never go to horror films. They're not interesting. Actually they're ...
a) rubbish. b) brilliant.
- This artist makes sculptures out of recycled car tyres. They're definitely ...
a) hilarious. b) weird.

2 GRAMMAR: comparatives with *as ... as* / *not as ... as*

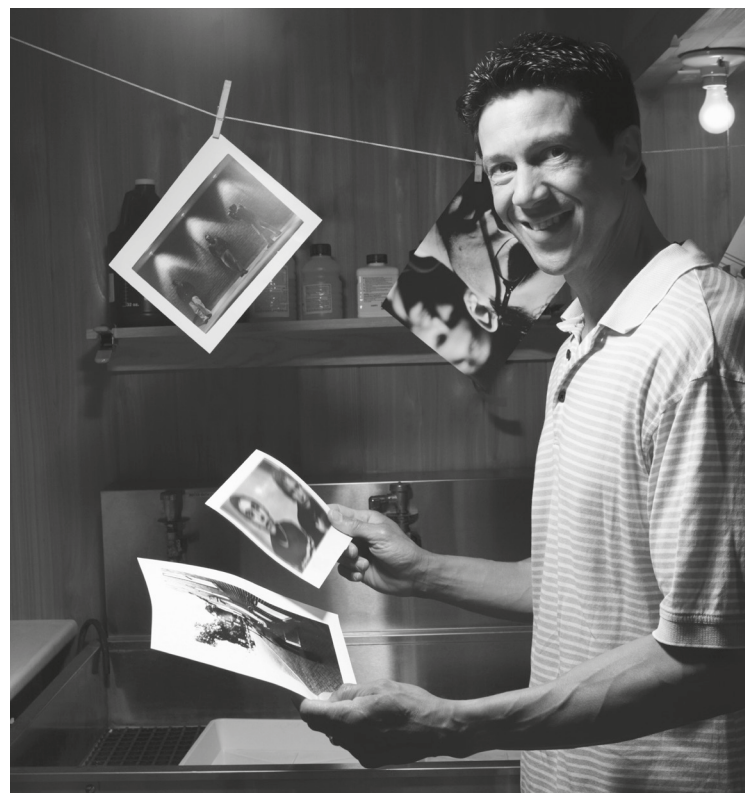
A Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- art galleries / aren't / museums / as / as / interesting / .

- isn't / easy / as / painting / photography / as / .

- TV shows / as / aren't / films / good / as / .

- dull / hip-hop / country music / as / isn't / as / .



B Complete the sentences with the adjective in brackets and (not) as ... as.

- 1 horror films ✓ / action films ✓✓ (interesting)
Horror films are *not as interesting as* action films.
- 2 opera ✓ / rock music ✓✓ (exciting)
Opera is _____.
- 3 classical music concerts ✓ / operas ✓ (expensive)
Classical music concerts are _____.
- 4 modern art ✓ / classical art ✓✓ (well-liked)
Modern art is _____.
- 5 photography ✓ / painting ✓ (difficult)
Photography is _____.
- 6 online games ✓ / video games ✓✓ (popular)
Online games are _____.

WHAT'S RIGHT?

- CDs are expensive as DVDs.

3 LISTENING: identifying speakers' opinions

A **04 Listen and tick the adjectives you hear in the conversation.**

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> brilliant | <input type="checkbox"/> weird | <input type="checkbox"/> fascinating | <input type="checkbox"/> rubbish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hilarious | <input type="checkbox"/> dull | <input type="checkbox"/> incredible | <input type="checkbox"/> ridiculous |



B **05 Listen to two friends talking about a film. Choose T (true) or F (false).**

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| 1 The man liked the film. | T / F |
| 2 The man loves comedies. | T / F |
| 3 The man thinks comedies aren't as good as action films. | T / F |
| 4 The woman liked the film. | T / F |
| 5 The woman says the film was as good as the director's last film. | T / F |



4 VOCABULARY: cultural activities

A Choose the best words to complete the sentences.

- I'd like to join an exhibition / a music society.
- I'd like to do a language course / a museum.
- I'd like to go to a book club / a comedy show.
- I'd like to learn about architecture / a language course.
- I'd like to go to see an exhibition / a photography course.

B Complete the conversation with the words from the box.

Becky: Hi, Judy! Would you like to (1) _____ to the theatre with me tomorrow evening?

Judy: Sure!

Jane: We both really love music. Let's (2) _____ a music society!

Mary: Good idea!

Mike: I want to (3) _____ about art.

Georgia: Why don't we go to (4) _____ an exhibition this weekend at the Academy of Arts and then (5) _____ an art course there or something?

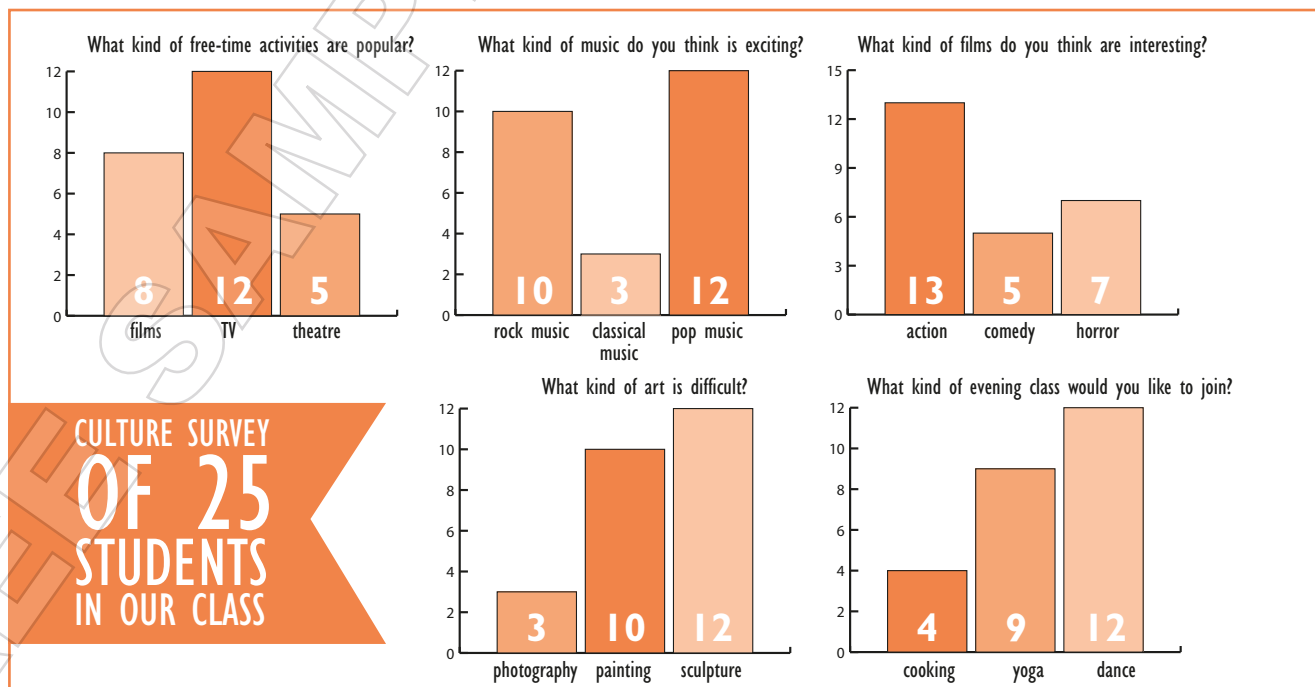
join
see
do
learn
go

5 GRAMMAR: superlatives

A Complete the table with the superlative form of the adjectives.

Adjective	Superlative	Adjective	Superlative
good		strange	
bad		popular	
funny		happy	
fat		interesting	
beautiful		important	

B Read the information in the bar chart. Then complete the sentences on the next page with the superlative form of the adjective in brackets.



- 1 Going to the theatre is the *least popular* (*popular*) free-time activity for these students.
- 2 Pop music is the _____ (*exciting*) kind of music in the class.
- 3 They think that action films are the _____ (*boring*) kind of films.
- 4 They think that classical music is the _____ (*exciting*) kind of music.
- 5 They think that comedies are the _____ (*interesting*) kind of films.
- 6 They think that sculpture is the _____ (*difficult*) kind of art.
- 7 Watching TV is the _____ (*popular*) free-time activity in the class.
- 8 They think that dance is the _____ (*good*) kind of evening class.

WHAT'S RIGHT?

Photography is the most easiest kind of art.

C Complete the sentences about art and entertainment in your country. Use the superlative form for each of the adjectives from the box. You can use each adjective more than once.

exciting funny good famous popular

- 1 *Mad Men* is *the most popular* TV series.
- 2 _____ is _____ TV programme.
- 3 _____ is _____ singer.
- 4 _____ is _____ actor.
- 5 _____ is _____ writer.
- 6 _____ is _____ sport.

6 WRITING: linking sentences

A Match the beginnings 1–4 to the endings a–d.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1 Phone calls can be expensive so | a) it helps me feel relaxed and happier. |
| 2 Music is important to me because | b) I can learn about other cultures. |
| 3 I love modern art so | c) I prefer to send text messages. |
| 4 Foreign films are interesting because | d) I go to a gallery once a month. |

B Complete the conversation with *because* or *so*.

- Pamela:** Why weren't you at art class last night?
Mike: (1) _____ I went to the theatre with my family. It was my sister's birthday. She loves musicals (2) _____ we went to see *The Phantom of the Opera*.
Pamela: Really! Was it good?
Mike: Yes, I enjoyed it, but I don't like missing our art classes (3) _____, you know, art is my favourite subject.
Pamela: I know, but yesterday the teacher was ill (4) _____ we all went to the art gallery. It was great!



Read and write

A Read Max's film review. Then answer the questions.

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Topic: Prometheus
Comment: posted 19th March

I'm a big fan of sci-fi horror films and the Alien films are the best sci-fi films of all time in my opinion, so I was really excited about seeing *Prometheus*, the latest film in the *Alien* series. It's by the same director, Ridley Scott, but it is different from the other *Alien* films because it takes place before the other films start. In this film, a team of space explorers set out to find the origins of human life on another planet. They discover something that is very weird and strange! This film isn't as scary as the previous films, but it's just as powerful especially because of all the special effects and computer graphics. I'm sure it will become a classic.

Max

- 1 What is the name of the film? _____
- 2 What kind of film is it? _____
- 3 What is different about this film? _____
- 4 Does the reviewer like it? Why or why not? _____

B Choose a film that you saw recently and answer the questions.

- 1 What kind of film is it? _____
- 2 What is it about? _____
- 3 What is special about it? _____
- 4 Write three adjectives to describe the film and say why you chose them.
The film is _____ because _____.
It is _____ because _____.
It is _____ because _____.

Over to You

C Write a paragraph in your notebook describing your opinion of the film you chose in Exercise B.

WRITING TUTOR

I think this film is exciting because ...
This film is not as ... as other (action) films because ...
This film is very ... so I think that ...



DOWN TIME

A Do the culture quiz. Choose the correct answers.

- Van Gogh was a famous ...
 - artist.
 - sculptor.
- Charles Dickens was a famous ...
 - photographer.
 - writer.
- Johnny Depp is a famous ...
 - writer.
 - actor.
- Coco Chanel was a famous ...
 - fashion designer.
 - artist.
- Mozart was a famous ...
 - composer.
 - dancer.
- The Rolling Stones are a famous ...
 - theatre group.
 - rock band.
- Pavarotti was a famous ...
 - singer.
 - musician.
- The *Mona Lisa* is a famous ...
 - painting.
 - sculpture.
- The Sound of Music* is a famous ...
 - musical.
 - novel.
- The Louvre is a famous ...
 - theatre.
 - art museum.

B Find the words and write them under the correct picture. The words can go forwards (→), down (↓) or diagonally (↘).

Y	T	F	G	R	E	B	I	H	T	C	O	P	H	V
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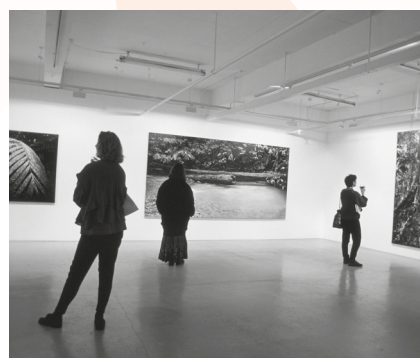
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3 _____



4 _____



5 _____
