

**W** describing and recommending

- A** Read the film review. Is it positive or negative? Underline the words and phrases that tell you this.

*La La Land* is set in modern-day Los Angeles. It stars Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling. It tells the story of a romance between Mia (played by Emma Stone) and Seb (played by Ryan Gosling). She is an actress and he is a jazz pianist. The film is a musical, but it is also a classic love story with some wonderful music and singing and some old-fashioned dancing. At the same time, it is exciting, beautiful and heart-breaking. I found myself completely engaged with the story and with the lives of Mia and Seb. The acting was excellent. Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling were perfect as Mia and Seb. If you like musicals, you'll love this film.

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**Comments:**

- Stacey99:** I agree. Great film. I wasn't expecting that ending, but it's definitely worth seeing.
- BillyTom:** I liked the ending. I didn't imagine the story would finish that way. It was a nice twist!
- DashaV:** This film is a work of art, full of colour and life. A modern-day classic.
- Rob78:** Not my favourite film. But to be fair, I don't like musicals!



- B** Number the topics in the order they are written about in the review.

**The film**

- \_\_\_ the plot or story
- 1 where the film is set (location)
- \_\_\_ writer's opinion of the film
- \_\_\_ writer's opinion of the actors
- \_\_\_ writer's recommendation
- \_\_\_ film genre

- C** Read the comments again. Does each person like or dislike the film? Underline the words and phrases in the comments that tell you this.

- D** Cover Exercises A, B and C. Complete the missing words in the phrases from the review and comments.

**Describing and recommending**

- 1 *La La Land* is s\_\_\_\_\_ in ...
- 2 It s\_\_\_\_\_ Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling.
- 3 It tells the s\_\_\_\_\_ of ...
- 4 The f\_\_\_\_\_ is a musical.
- 5 The a\_\_\_\_\_ was ...
- 6 It's (definitely) w\_\_\_\_\_ seeing.

- E** Write the missing words to complete the review.

The film is \_\_\_\_\_ in Los Angeles in 1961.  
 It \_\_\_\_\_ the true \_\_\_\_\_ of the author P.L. Travers and film-maker Walt Disney. Disney wants to make a film using one of Travers' books. It \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Hanks. The \_\_\_\_\_ is excellent.  
 This film is definitely \_\_\_\_\_ seeing.

**WRITING**

- A PREPARE** You are going to write review of a film that you have seen.
- B PLAN** Make notes for each topic in Writing Exercise B.
- C WRITE** Use the review in Exercise A and the strategies in the Writing skills box to help you write your review. Write about 100 words.
- D REVIEW** Work in pairs. Can you find someone in the class who has seen the same film? Read your partner's review and write a comment. Then work with another pair and add comments to their reviews.