

Vocabulary

era

Meaning: A specific period in history or time, often defined by certain characteristics.

Examples:

1. The 1960s was an **era** of great cultural change.
2. We are living in the digital **era**, where technology advances rapidly.

long shots

Meaning: Film scenes where the camera stays on a subject or setting for an extended time without cuts.

Examples:

1. The director used **long shots** to emphasize the beauty of the landscape.
2. Some viewers find **long shots** artistic, while others think they make movies feel slow.

come to pass

Meaning: To happen or take place.

Examples:

1. Many of the predictions in old sci-fi movies have **come to pass**.
2. I never thought my dream job would **come to pass**, but it did!

goes on

Meaning: Continues for a long time, sometimes longer than necessary.

Examples:

1. The speech **goes on** forever, and I'm getting bored.
2. The ending of the movie **goes on** too long, making it less exciting.

spoils the whole film

Meaning: Ruins the movie experience.

Examples:

1. The plot twist was so bad that it **spoils the whole film** for me.
2. A weak ending can **spoil the whole film**, no matter how good the rest is.

fascinating to see

Meaning: Very interesting or amazing to watch.

Examples:

1. It's **fascinating to see** how filmmakers imagined the future in old movies.
2. The way the special effects were created back then is **fascinating to see**.

Vocabulary Quiz

Complete the sentences with the vocabulary above.

era • long shots • come to pass
goes on • spoils • fascinating

1. Bad acting often ___ what could be a good movie.
2. It was ___ to see how cheese is made.
3. My dad often ___ about what he hates about my city.
4. Do not worry about it. Everything will ___.
5. The 80s is my favorite modern ___.
6. The movie had so many ___ it felt like a play.

Grace / South Africa 

What's a movie that had an ending that you hated?

Hello, my name is Grace. I'm from South Africa, and what's a movie that had an ending that I hated?

I would say that would be 2001, A Space Odyssey. I think that movie is brilliant. It's fantastic and it's clever. It's beautiful, but I hate the ending. I know it's meant to be sort of difficult to understand, but it's not just difficult. It's also boring. Maybe it would've been more interesting if I'd seen it in the cinema and I wasn't from the **era** I'm from now. Some of the things are still really amazing, and I can watch some of the really **long**

shots because they're gorgeous and some of the things really haven't **come to pass**. Some of them have, like, video calls, which is **fascinating to see**, but the ending **goes on** for so long and I really don't like it, and I think it **spoils the whole film**, but it's okay. You don't have to like every part of a movie, but that's one I really hate.

Quiz

Answer the following questions about the interview.

1) What was the movie about?

- a) Love
- b) Space**
- c) Time travel

2) How does Grace describe the movie?

- a) Boring
- b) Beautiful**
- c) Funny

3) What technology was fascinating to see?

- a) Robots
- b) Video calls**
- c) Drones

What is the correct word? Listen to the audio to hear the answer!

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