

Movies - Asking Friend

In this section we will work on the planning aspect of watching a movie. In other Movie sections, we will cover discussing a movie, types of movies, etc.

Since this is the first Movie section, let me take a quick minute to explain how to find out movie times and how to pay for tickets in America. It's very similar and simple.

First, you need to find out what time a show is playing. In most cases, this is done by checking the internet. Usually, you type in the zip code and all the theatres in that area will display all the movies and movie times for that week. After you have chosen the movie to see, you need to buy the ticket. There are some places you can buy on-line, but it isn't that popular yet. You can go to the theatre before the movie starts and buy it at the theatre. The only thing you need to know how to say is the movie name and the movie time. Here is a quick example. Let's say you are watching the Titanic at 3:00. You walk up to the counter and say, 'Titanic. Three o'clock.' Wasn't that easy? Finally, big block buster movies usually sell out of tickets very quickly. So if you want to see it on opening day, it is wise to go to the theatre right when it opens and buy the tickets in advance.

Before you watch a movie, you need to plan ahead with friends. Either you are asking a friend to watch a movie, or you are answering. In either case, we will cover it here.

The following questions and statements are used when asking a friend to watch a movie.

"Hey John, do you want to (wanna) go see a movie tonight?"

"I'm going to watch Terminator 2. Do you wanna join?"

"Let's go see The Matrix tomorrow."

"What time should we meet at the theatre?"

"Let's watch a movie after dinner."

"The Titanic is coming out this Friday. Let's go see it."

If there are not enough details, a response can be in a question form. Here are a couple of examples.

"Who is all going?"

"Who are you watching it with?"

"Where are you watching it?"

"What time are you watching the movie?"

Normal answers:

"That sounds great."

"I always wanted to see that. Let's go."

"Let's meet at the theatre at four o'clock."

"Sure. Do you wanna eat lunch together before the movie?"

"I've already seen that movie. What else is playing?"

"I can't. I have to work that night."

"That movie sounds scary. I don't like horror movies."

"I really don't like the actors. I'm going to pass."

Movies - Example Conversation

Let's look at a couple of example conversations before going to the practice section.

Person A: "Hey John, I'm going to see The Matrix with Peter and Brad. Do you wanna come?"

Person B: "When are you guys going?"

Person A: "We're going to see the eight O'clock showing."

Person B: "That would be great. Where are you guys meeting?"

Person A: "We're meeting at the theatre at seven thirty."

Person B: "Great. I'll meet you guys there."

Person A: "Hey Jill."

Person B: "What's up Mike?"

Person A: "I was wondering if you have any plans for tomorrow night."

Person B: "Umm... I don't think I have anything special for tomorrow. Why?"

Person A: "Do you want to see The Titanic with me?"

Person B: "I wanted to see that. Yeah. Let's go."

Person A: "What time is good for you?"

Person B: "How about seven thirty."

Person A: "Sure. I'll meet you at the theatre at seven."

Movies - Interactive Practice

Click on Listen All and follow along. After becoming comfortable with the entire conversation, become Person A by clicking on the Person A button. You will hear only Person B through the audio file. There will be a silence for you to repeat the sentences of Person A. Do the same for Person B. The speed of the conversation is native speed. Use the pause button if the pause between each sentence is too fast for you. After practicing several times, you will be able to speak as fast as a native.

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A: "I hear Batman is supposed to be good. Do you want to go see it tomorrow?"

B: "I have to eat dinner with my family tomorrow."

A: "We can watch the late show. I think it starts at nine forty five."

B: "That would be great."

A: "What time can you be at the theatre by?"

B: "I can be there by 9:15."

A: "Ok. I'll meet you there."

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A: "What are you doing tomorrow?"

B: "Nothing really."

A: "Let's watch a movie or something."

B: "What's on these days?"

A: "I think they're playing Lord of the Rings"

B: "That sounds pretty good. Let's watch that."

A: "Where should we meet?"

B: "How about at the subway entrance."

A: "Alright. I'll meet you there at one o'clock."

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A: "Hey Steve, what are you doing these days?"

B: "Just working. The same as usual."

A: "Have you seen Shiri?"

B: "No. I haven't seen that yet."

A: "Let's go watch it tomorrow. It's a weekend and you should take a break."

B: "Well, to think of it, that sounds great."

A: "I'll give you a call tomorrow about noon and let you know the time."

B: "Ok. I'll see you tomorrow."

A: "See you."

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A: "What should we do this Saturday?"

B: "Rocky six is supposed to come out this Friday."

A: "Yeah, but I don't know if it is going to be any good."

B: "The only reason I want to see it is because I have seen the previous five."

A: "True. Ok. Let's see it this Saturday."

B: "How about we hook up for lunch at 12:00, and then go see the movie afterwards."

A: "Sounds like a plan. Let's meet in front of Tower Records at 12:00."