

International Conversation Cafe

Lifestyle Topic: Favorite Movies

Probably everyone has a favorite kind of movie they enjoy watching. The following descriptions come from <https://www.filmsite.org/genres.html>. Read through the lists and learn something new about the people in your group.

Main Film Types

Action- Action films usually include high energy, big-budget physical stunts and chases, possibly with floods, explosions, natural disasters, and fires. They have non-stop motion and often 'good-guy' heroes are battling 'bad guys' - all designed for pure audience escapism.

*Do you like to watch action films? Why or why not?
What are some of your favorite action films?*

Adventure- Adventure films are usually exciting stories, with new experiences or exotic locales. They can include traditional swashbucklers or pirate films, and searches or expeditions for lost continents, "jungle" and "desert" epics, treasure hunts, disaster films, or searches for the unknown.

*Do you like to watch adventure films? Why or why not?
What are some of your favorite action films?*

Comedy- Comedies are light-hearted plots consistently and deliberately designed to amuse and provoke laughter (with one-liners, jokes, etc.) by exaggerating the situation, the language, action, relationships and characters.

*Do you like to watch comedy? Why or why not?
What are some of your favorite comedy films?*

Crime and Gangster- Crime (gangster) films are developed around the sinister actions of criminals or mobsters, particularly bank robbers, underworld figures, or ruthless hoodlums who operate outside the law, stealing and murdering their way through life. The criminals or gangsters are often counteracted by a detective-protagonist with a who-dun-it plot.

*Do you like to watch crime and gangster movies? Why or why not?
What are some of your favorite crime movies?*

Drama- , Dramatic films are probably the largest film genre, with many subsets such as historical dramas, courtroom dramas, or romantic dramas. They are not focused on special-effects, comedy, or action.

*Do you like to watch drama? Why or why not?
What are some of your favorite dramas?*

Horror- Horror films are designed to frighten and to invoke our hidden worst fears, often in a terrifying, shocking finale. They are often combined with science fiction when the menace or monster is related to a corruption of technology, or when Earth is threatened by aliens.

*Do you like to watch horror movies? Why or why not?
What are some of your favorite horror movies?*

Musical/dance- Musical/dance films emphasize full-scale scores or song and dance routines in a significant way.

*Do you like to watch musical/dance films? Why or why not?
What are your favorite musical/dance films?*

War- War films acknowledge the horror and heartbreak of war. These films show actual combat fighting (against nations or humankind) on land, sea, or in the air.

*Do you like to watch war movies? Why or why not?
What are your favorite war movies?*

Western- Westerns reflect the early days of the American frontier. They have very recognizable plots and elements such as six-guns, horses, dusty towns and trails, and characters such as cowboys, and Indians.

*Do you like to watch westerns? Why or why not?
What are your favorite western movies?*

Your Turn- *Is there a movie type from your country you like to watch? Describe it to the others in your group and explain why you like it.*

Finally- *Do you notice a difference in what certain ages or genders like to watch? Take a vote in your group for the top 3 favorite movie types.*

