

Sustainable Development

Introduction to the theme of the unit

1. *Sustainable development* is a development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the needs of future generations.
2. *Basic elements of development*: good infrastructure, high percentage of literacy, strong economy, advanced science and technology, social justice, etc
3. *Negative sides of development*: pollution, stress, decrease of nature and increase of building, people become more materialist, etc
4. *“Think globally act locally”*: It means to see the big picture, but do your part to make it happen on a smaller scale. *For example*: *Think globally*, Take into consideration pollution which affects the world. *Act locally*, reduce your carbon footprint at home and protect green areas. You usually cannot affect the world unless you first affect your local situation.

Vocabulary Work:

Metaphors and Similes

1. *A simile* is a figure of speech where somebody or something is compared to somebody or something else, using the words ‘as’ or ‘like’.

For Example: the frightened child was as quite as a mouse. ; Her face is like a moon.

2. *A metaphor* expresses that somebody or something is somebody or something else, but it does **not use** ‘like’ or ‘as’.

For example: time is money. ; Sawsan’s success is the fruit of her hard work

Communication:

Expressing Certainty and Uncertainty

Expressions of certainty	Expressions of uncertainty
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Certainly / surely ▪ I’m sure ▪ I’m positive ▪ I’m certain ▪ It must be ▪ Of course ▪ It’s crystal clear that ... ▪ No one can deny that ... ▪ It must be ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It’s possible ▪ I’m not sure ▪ I doubt ▪ It might be ▪ I’m uncertain ▪ I think that ... ▪ I suppose that ... ▪ It’s likely that ... / it’s unlikely that ... ▪ Will probably

Vocabulary:

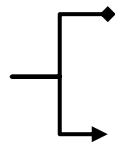
Prefixes and Suffixes

Verb	Adjective	Noun
develop	Developed / developing	development
sustain	sustainable	sustainability
populate	populated	population
pollute	polluted	pollution
prosper	prosperous	prosperity
interdepend	interdependent	interdependency
determine	determined	determination
impoverish	impoverished	impoverishment
destroy	destroyed	destruction
interconnect	interconnected	interconnection

Writing:

How to write a film review

A good film review must contain these four elements



- a. credits and recommendation
- b. plot and characters
- c. evaluation and last analysis
- d. conclusion

A. Credits and recommendation:

In the introduction you have to write:

1. Credits:

- *Title and year*
- *Genre:* comedy, drama, horror, adventure film, thriller, science fiction, love story, ...
- *Director*

2. Recommendation:

State the reasons why your reader(s) should watch the movie.

B. Plot:

In the body, you have to write the synopsis or summary of the plot. Make sure that your summary makes sense to a reader who does not know the movie. Do not refer to specific scenes and do not try to explain everything.

You must also include the next items, **but not as different parts.**

1. *Place and time:* Where does the action take place? When does the action take place? (present time, 19th century...)
2. *Background:* society, country, kind of people (age, culture social class...), historical time...

Characters:

Main characters:

1. physical description
2. psychological description
3. age, nationality, social/personal background, etc

C. Evaluation and last analysis

- What message is being told? What was the director's purpose or intention or the theme of the film?
- Compare with other realities you know (your country, historical fact or event, other film from the same director or genre...)

D. Conclusion:

Write a conclusion and express your opinion about the film.

- What's your opinion?

Useful Expressions:

Author / Director, Producer

- ♣ The film is directed by ...
- ♣ The film is produced by...
- ♣ The script was written by...
- ♣ The book is written by ...

Setting

- ♣ The action of the film is set in ...
- ♣ The story takes place in (place)... in (date)

Characters, actors and the plot

- ♣ The main characters are ...
- ♣ The story is about
- ♣ It is starred by...
- ♣ The film / book tells the story of ...
- ♣ In the course of the story the action develops dramatically.
- ♣ The film / book begins with...
- ♣ The film / book has an unexpected ending.
- ♣ The end of ... is ...

Evaluation

- ♣ I am impressed by ...
- ♣ The book is terribly / beautifully written.
- ♣ The film is terrible / exciting.
- ♣ What surprised me is ...
- ♣ What I liked best is ...
- ♣ What I didn't like is ...
- ♣ I liked/didn't like the film / book because ...
- ♣ The best thing about the film is its excellent plot. The story is very relatable because it explores

Opinion and recommendation

- ♣ I think the film / book ...
- ♣ In my opinion, the film / book is filled with lots of...
- ♣ I highly recommend the film because ...
- ♣ The film is a must-see as it has something for everyone, from children to adults.

FILM REVIEW WRITING SAMPLE:

TWILIGHT

Twilight is a 126-min romance fantasy *written by* Melissa Rosenberg, *directed by* Catherine Hardwicke, and *produced by* Mark Morgan. *It was released* in November 2008.

The film is set in Washington and Arizona. *It stars* a teenager (Kristen Stewart) and a vampire (Robert Pattinson). *It tells the story of* a high-school girl and a mysterious vampire. The two fall in love, but they have to overcome social pressure and other obstacles to take a chance be together.

Kirsten's acting was impressive in the film, and Robber's performance was captivating. Twilight *received* numerous film *awards* including MTV Movie Award, People's Choice Award, and Young Artist Award. In addition, *it was nominated for* Best Fantasy Film at the 35th Saturn Awards; and nominated for two Grammy Awards.

I find this film to be incredibly moving, exciting, and thrilling. In fact, *my favorite aspect of the film is* its touching scenes. The special effects are just amazing, especially the ones featuring the wolves fighting. *Another great thing that I like about Twilight* is its terrific sound track. It suits the mood of the film in a perfect way. *The only thing I don't like about the film is* some of its extremely bloody scenes. They are disappointing. Yet, *the best thing about it is its excellent plot. The story is very relatable because it explores* these important classic and modern-day *themes of* good and evil, sacrifice, the power of love, the power of tradition, appearance and reality, man and the natural world, and family pressure.

Over all, I think this film contains great directing and acting. *It is full of* emotional moments, and tells an excellent moral story. That's why *I highly recommend it*. Everyone should see it. It's a must-see!

