

# RECOMMENDING

## books, films, music

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7E Writing skills

## Recommending

- 6 a** Look at the recommendations below. Which are positive and which are negative? Which could be used to describe: *a book? a film? a CD? a performance? all four?*

Recommendations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Don't miss it!</li><li>• It's a masterpiece.</li><li>• It is well worth seeing/reading.</li><li>• It's a must!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wait until it comes out on DVD.</li><li>• It's sure to be a box office hit/a huge success.</li><li>• It's a highly entertaining read.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This is one to avoid.</li><li>• Don't bother with this one.</li><li>• I wasn't at all impressed (with ...).</li><li>• It's bound to be a huge flop!</li></ul>	

- b** What was the last book you read/CD you listened to/film you watched? Recommend it to your partner.

4 Read the table below. Replace the adjectives in bold in the review in Ex 3 p.130 with other appropriate ones from the table.

CHARACTERS	believable, entertaining, colourful, (un)likeable, (un)convincing
PLOT	thrilling, gripping, moving, touching, exciting, predictable, terrifying/horrifying, complicated, tragic, dull, boring
ACTING/PERFORMANCE(S)	spectacular, brilliant, excellent, powerful, superb, terrible, awful
WRITING/SCRIPT	original, realistic, simple, confusing, dull
SPECIAL EFFECTS/GRAPHICS	stunning, incredible, dreadful laughable, (un)impressive, awful
SONGS/TRACKS/MUSIC/LYRICS	catchy, moving, (un)imaginative, (un)impressive, repetitive, irritating, dull, terrible, depressing

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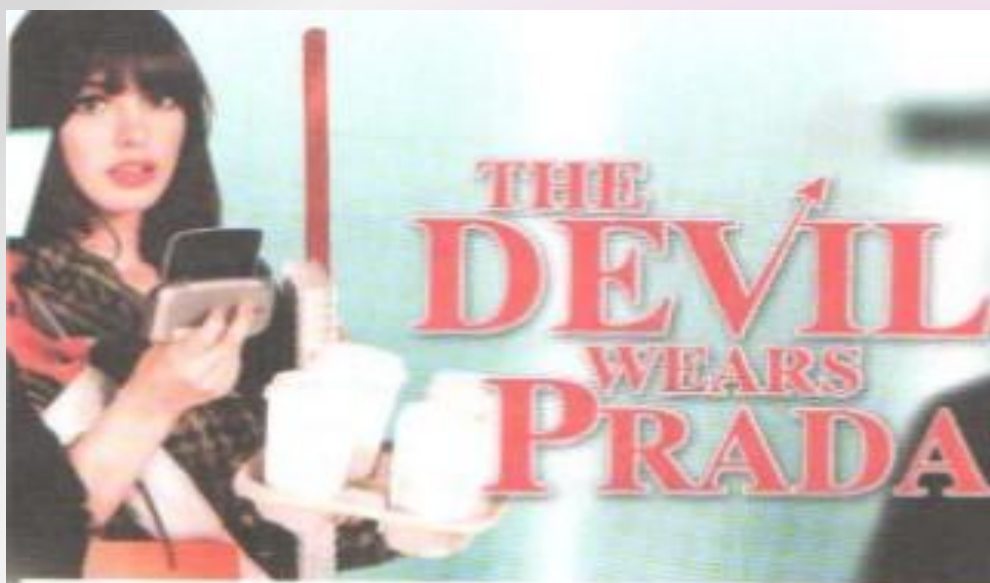
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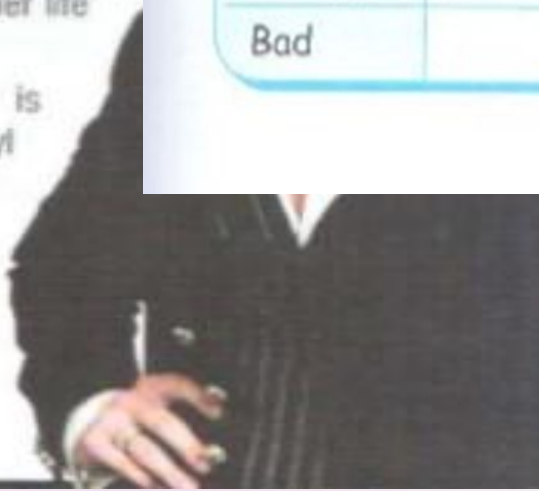


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## HOMEWORK

Ex.8, p.132 (a book and a film)