

61 Vocabulary

61.1 ART AND CULTURE

Reviews can have a big influence on a film's success.

influence

[the effect someone or something has]



Mary was strongly influenced by his speech.

strongly influenced by something

[greatly affected by something or somebody]



The reviewers always heap praise on him.

heap praise / criticism on something

[say that something is extremely good / bad]



Make up your mind, do you prefer the red or black one?

make up your mind

[finally make a decision]



I know you're a vegetarian and will bear it in mind when I cook.

bear something in mind

[hold something in consideration when doing or thinking about something else]



The documentary inspired me to start painting.

inspire

[give somebody the enthusiasm to do something they may not have done otherwise]



I can highly recommend the new restaurant.

highly recommend

[say that something is very good and tell others about it]



I was so engrossed in the book that I didn't hear the phone.

be engrossed in something

[be extremely absorbed in something]



I chose the red one, but then I changed my mind.

change your mind

[alter or change a decision or feeling about something]



Don't be afraid to speak your mind.

speak your mind

[say what you feel, even if it is controversial]



We have candles to help **create a romantic atmosphere**.

create an atmosphere
[to set a particular mood or tone]



The movie's **plot** was too complicated to understand.

plot
[the series of events that makes up the story in a book, film, or play]



I really enjoyed the **opening scene** of the play.

opening / closing scenes
[the first / last moments of a book, film, or play]



Have you seen the latest TV **drama** about firefighters?

drama
[a play, movie, television show, or radio show about a serious subject]



The book left a **lasting impression** on me. It was incredible.

lasting impression
[a feeling or effect that lasts a long time]



This opera is a bit too **highbrow** for me. I prefer movies.

highbrow / lowbrow
[complicated / simple artistic or cultural ideas]



My favorite **character** was the funny best friend.

characters
[the fictional people in a book, film, or play]



The dramatic **chain of events** was almost unbelievable.

chain of events
[a sequence of causes and effects]



I like to relax by reading romance **novels**.

novels
[long, written stories that are fictional]



The new film has had **glowing reviews** from all the critics.

glowing reviews
[very positive reviews]

