



Module A Unit 2

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Announcer : You are Crystal. You are listening to a radio programme about films. As you listen, complete the two film review forms below.

Presenter : Today in *Film World*, we review films that are currently playing in cinemas in Hong Kong. We have two films for you today, the first being a new film by director Osman Khan. ¹His latest film is called *The Three*. ²This is the first time he has directed an animation film, so *The Three* is a new project for the director. ³The film is about two boys in Pakistan who meet a lost boy. ⁴The lost boy cannot speak but holds a letter that says he is the son of a prince. The boys join up to help the lost boy get home. Their journey is hard but they all learn about friendship and hope along the way.

⁵The story plot of the film is too simple. The actors providing voices for the characters do a good job of showing the feelings of the characters. ⁶However, I believe only young children will enjoy this film. ⁷I give this film a two-star rating for anyone over the age of 8. ⁸Unless you have young children, don't bother seeing this film. Choose a better film on offer at the moment.

⁹The second review today is of the film *Broken Mirror*. ¹⁰Unlike the film just reviewed, this film is more for adults because it is a horror film. ¹¹Directed by Vanessa Chan, and starring Betty Liew and Andrew Pang, the film is about a man who comes home from work to find that his family has disappeared.

His nightmare continues when he finds that nobody believes him. ¹²There are strange symbols on his bedroom walls ¹³and mysterious telephone calls.

¹⁴The acting is excellent and the pace of the film is fast. ¹⁵The film is very scary and not until the end do we find out what has happened to his family. There are lots of surprises and many really frightening moments. Don't watch this at night as you will not be able to sleep! ¹⁶¹⁷This film deserves five stars and you shouldn't miss it.

That's all for *Film World* today. See you next week! *

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Announcer : Situation.

You are Gary Lee, the secretary of the Film Club at your school. You need to write a film review for the school magazine this month. You are listening to your friends talk about a film.

As you listen, make notes on the film review poster below. Then read the Data File and complete the task on the next page.

You now have two minutes to read the note sheet and the Data File.

Ray : Hi Karen, how are you?

Karen : I'm good thanks. I just went to see that new film, *Shark Island*.

Ray : Oh, I saw that yesterday with my family. It was really good, wasn't it?

Karen : Yes, it was. I really enjoyed it. I thought the actors were great. I thought they were very believable as the family on that island.

Ray : It is a really creepy island. ^{T⑥} The father, Bob, is so brave. I think I would be so scared if my family were in danger. He is really calm and makes good decisions to save them.

Karen : But Bob has a supportive wife, Mary. Mary is really brave too. What was the name of the actress who played Mary? I can't remember.

Ray : Um, I can't remember either. But I thought she was a really good actress.

Karen ^{T⑦} : Yes, also the young girl playing Amy, their daughter, was great.

Ray : I think Amy was played by Carla Lee. She is only 8 but really good.

Karen : I thought the special effects were really good too. There were a couple of great scenes.

Ray ^{T⑧} : Yes! Especially the one when the large group of kidnappers hunts for the family on the island. They certainly look like they can kill.

Karen : And then just when the family is escaping from the kidnappers, the volcano starts to erupt.

Ray ^{T⑩} : That was a really cool bit. I thought the volcano looked real, especially when the hot lava flowing down from it was just a few metres from the family and they had to run to escape it. It was really exciting.

Karen ^{T⑪} : And then when they got to the sea and had an even worse danger with the large sharks waiting for them. Amy was nearly eaten!

Ray : Those sharks were terrible. Such huge teeth! They were so unbelievably big!

Karen : That's why the island was called Shark Island, I guess!

Ray : Right. The title was a big clue about the dangers. It was a good film.

Karen : Yes, definitely worth watching. I'll buy the DVD when it comes out.

Ray : Me too. I'm glad I watched it. *