



Video Worksheet

Unit number: 13

Topic: Reviewing a film

Video: Amira reviews a film

Go to www.macmillanihe.com/masteringarabic to play the video of Amira reviewing a film she saw online. Can you answer these questions?

- 1 When did she watch the film?
- 2 What was the name of the film?
- 3 Who starred in and directed the film?
- 4 What was the story about?
- 5 How did she feel about the film?

First, listen for the key information and then concentrate on the detail. You'll find a transcript, a translation and an extension activity on the website.



Extension activity

- ✓ Put a line under the correct word, according to what Amira says. Then listen to the video again and check your answers.

مرحباً! أوّل أمس، شاهدت الفيلم العربيّ (الجديد/القديم/الحديث) "اللصّ والكلاب" عن رواية الكاتب المصريّ الشهير نجيب محفوظ، من (إخراج/تأليف/بطولة) شكري سرحان وشادية، ومن إخراج (المخرج/المنتج/الممثل) المصريّ كمال الشيخ.

شعرت أن (الرواية/الكتاب/القصة) كانت حزينة جداً، ولكن مثيرة وشيقة. (أحداث/أفلام/أحلام) القصة تدور حول شخصيّة اللصّ، الذي خرج من (المكتب/الأسرة/السجن) وبدأ (يبحث/يجد/يبحث) عن أسرته.

في رأيي، شعرت أن الفيلم كان (أقصر/أطول/أكبر) من اللازم، ولكن (شاهدت/استمعت/استعملت) به كثيراً.

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Transcript

مرحباً! أوّل أمس، شاهدت الفيلم العربيّ القديم ”اللصّ والكلاب“ عن رواية الكاتب المصريّ الشهير نجيب محفوظ، من بطولة شكري سرحان وشادية، ومن إخراج المخرج المصريّ كمال الشيخ.

شعرت أن القصة كانت حزينة جداً، ولكن مثيرة وشيقة. أحداث القصة تدور حول شخصيّة اللصّ، الذي خرج من السجن وبدأ يبحث عن أسرته.

في رأيي، شعرت أن الفيلم كان أطول من اللازم، ولكن استمتعتُ به كثيراً.

Translation

Hello! The day before yesterday, I watched the old Arabic film “The Thief and The Dogs”, based on the novel by the famous Egyptian writer Naguib Mahfouz, starring Shukry Sarhan and Shadia, and directed by the Egyptian director, Kamal el Sheikh.

I felt that the story was very sad, but thrilling and exciting. The events of the story concern the character of the thief who is released from prison and starts to search for his family.

In my opinion I felt that the film was longer than necessary, but I enjoyed it a lot.

Notes

- ✓ Amira uses the expression *عَن رِوَايَةٍ* to mean *based on the novel*. Note the use of *عَن* in this context to mean *based on* or *derived from*.
- ✓ Note the Standard Arabic pronunciation of these phrases with the final “-ihi” sound: *أُسْرَتِهِ* ; *بِهِ*.

Answers to comprehension questions
1 The day before yesterday. 2 “The Thief and The Dogs”. 3 The film starred Shukry Sarhan and Shadia, and was directed by Kamal el Sheikh. 4 The story was about the search of the thief for his family after he is released from prison. 5 She felt that the film was longer than necessary, but she enjoyed it anyway.
Answers to Extension activity
See transcript.

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