

Player Interviews: We asked Premier League players to talk about their experiences living in the UK and playing in the Premier League.

Player Interviews: Films

In this video, four players talk about going to the cinema and their favourite films.

Comprehension

Watch the video and then answer the questions.

- Who said that he likes films with guns and explosions?
- Who said that he loves children's films?
- Who said that Sean Penn is his favourite actor?
- Who said that he watches a lot of comedies?
- Who said that he watched a documentary recently?
- Who said that he likes watching TV from his home country?
- Who said that he watches movies when travelling to games?



Mikel Arteta - Arsenal



Youssouf Mulumbu - West Bromwich Albion



Jonas Olsson - West Bromwich Albion



Romelu Lukaku - Everton

Vocabulary: Films

The players talked about the types of films they like. What other film genres do you know? Can you fill in the gaps in the sentences with the correct genres?

- I really love c_____ because they are funny and make me laugh.
- The last film I went to see was a h_____ film about a scary monster.
- Sometimes, I like to watch d_____ because they are interesting and tell you things about the world.
- My dad loves w_____. I think he would like to be a cowboy.
- My favourite film is set in the future. I love s_____ f_____.
- When I was little, I loved m_____. I used to sing along with all the songs.
- My sister loves gritty* d_____. She says they are more realistic than most films.
- Youssouf Mulumbu loves a_____ films with guns and explosions.

* gritty = rough and realistic. Not refined or stylised.



Films: passive statements

Rearrange the following sentences about a famous film into the correct order. When you have rearranged the statements, can you work out which film they describe?

- released / film / in 2012. / The / was

- was / The main / played by / character / Daniel Craig.

- London, Hong Kong and Scotland. / set in / The / was / film

- directed / It / by / Sam Mendes. / was

- Adele. / was / The theme tune / by / sung

Discuss: Films

Look at the questions below. Answer them in small groups.

- What types of films do you like?
How do the films make you feel?
Do you like films that are fantastic or realistic?
- Who are your favourite actors (male and female)?
Can you think of a film with a special performance?
- Where do you watch films?
Do you go to the cinema or watch films at home?
Do you watch films online?
Is it better to watch films with friends or on your own?

Answers
Comprehension: 1. Mulumbu, 2. Arteta, 3. Olsson, 4. Lukaku, 5. Arteta, 6. Arteta, 7. Olsson
Vocabulary: 1. comedies, 2. horror, 3. documentaries, 4. westerns, 5. science fiction, 6. musicals, 7. dramas, 8. action
Films - passive statements: 1. The film was released in 2012. 2. The main character was played by Daniel Craig. 3. The film was set in London, Hong Kong and Scotland. 4. It was directed by Sam Mendes. 5. The theme tune was sung by Adele. - Bonus answer: The film is the last James Bond film.
Skyfall.

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Transcript

What kind of films do you like?

- Mikel Arteta** Anything. Action, now kids movies, I love them because I have to watch them with my kids, so I'm getting to like them as well. But if you ask me, probably my favourite film would be 'Gladiator'.
- Youssef Mulumbu** I like action, action films with guns and explosions so that's the kind of film I watch.
- Romelu Lukaku** I like action films, yeah, action films with rappers in it, yeah. Friday, with Ice Cube, Boys in the Hood, what did I watch? Training Day with Denzel Washington. Classic!



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Who is your favourite actor?

- Jonas Olsson** Actor? I don't know, I like ... Sean Penn I like, Di Caprio I think he... the movies he's in are normally good. I watch quite a lot of movies, but yeah, I would say Sean Penn is my favourite actor.
- Youssef Mulumbu** Favourite actor? Denzel Washington.
- Mikel Arteta** Favourite actor? Denzel Washington.
- Romelu Lukaku** Favourite actor? I like a lot... I watch a lot of comedy as well. Kevin Hart was very funny, Dave Chappelle. Kevin Hart; Seriously Funny is very funny. Laugh at my Pain is much funnier. Er Denzel Washington, Training Days and Remember the Titans. Ice Cube who played in Friday, Next Friday and the Friday after Next... Ha!



Do you watch a lot of films from your home country?

- Youssef Mulumbu** Yeah, all my films are in French.
- Jonas Olsson** Yeah, yeah I do. It's erm it's.. Movies... There was a... The latest movies that I watched from Sweden was... it was a documentary. It was very well-received, it's called 'Searching for Sugarman', it's about a folk singer in America, which was really good, but it was from a Swedish director. And, yes, there's lots of nice documentaries and movies coming out of Sweden. Bergmann obviously being the big director... Ingmar Bergman.
- Romelu Lukaku** Yes, yes I do. I watch a lot of movies from my home country.
- Mikel Arteta** Yes, as well and some TV movies as well, and some TV movies.

Do you watch films at home?

- Jonas Olsson** Not so much at home. I've got a little daughter, who takes most of my time, when I'm home. She normally watches Peppa Pig and stuff like that. Movies, normally I watch when we're travelling to games and in hotel rooms before the games and times like that.
- Mikel Arteta** Many, yeah, at night time when we put the kids in bed. It's a good time to relax and watch a movie. And I go to the movies as well, I go to the cinema.

How often do you go to the cinema?

- Mikel Arteta** I go to the cinema every 2 or 3 weeks as well.
- Youssef Mulumbu** Twice a week.
- Romelu Lukaku** Once every three weeks.