

The Silver Smokescreen! 银幕与烟幕

英语学习点: *Film Vocabulary* 电影词语

Lights, camera, action! When we go to the cinema we sometimes experience scenes that reflect reality. But does the imagery affect our behaviour?

A new study has found that teenagers who see actors smoking on screen are more likely to take it up.



There have been calls to censor smoking in films.

5,000 15 year olds in the UK were questioned and many said seeing blockbuster films that depict smoking would encourage them to light up.

This research by Bristol University looked at the potential influence of some of the 360 top US box office films released between 2001 and 2005 that showed smoking, such as Spider-Man and The Matrix.

Now some experts are calling for a change in film certification so the under-18s are unable to see actors smoking on the silver screen.

Dr Andrea Waylen, who led the research, said: "We saw a linear relationship between adolescent smoking and the number of films they had seen depicting smoking."

In the UK, films with ratings U (universal) or PG (parental guidance) ban scenes showing drug misuse but not cigarette smoking.

But is seeing the lead puffing on a cigarette really glamorising smoking? If so, would the motion-picture industry have to re-think what goes in every scene from the start to the end credits?

Simon Clark, director of the smokers' group Forest, said: "We go to the cinema to escape from the nanny state... what next? Should government reclassify films that feature fat people as well in case they are bad role models?"

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. Do some teenagers get influenced by seeing actors smoking in films?
2. Is this statement true or false? *Every film is given a certificate which says under-18s aren't allowed to watch it.*
3. Is this statement true or false? *Spider-Man and The Matrix were box office hits in the US.*
4. Are films with the rating U or PG not allowed to show people smoking?
5. Do blockbuster films begin with the credits?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Research has found that some teenagers take up smoking because they see it _____ in films.

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2. People who carried out this research want a _____ film certification.

change of	change at	change in	change with
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3. Films are given a classification such as U or PG, which gives the audience a guide to the age range the film is _____ for.

suitable	suits	suitability	suitableness
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4. When a film is made available to the general public we say it is _____.

launched	started	released	shown
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5. An actor who serves as a good example of how to _____ and is emulated by others is called a role model.

behaviour	behave	behaved	beehive
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Do some teenagers get influenced by seeing actors smoking in films? Yes. A new study has found that teenagers who see actors smoking on screen are more likely to take it up.
2. Is this statement true or false? *Every film is given a certificate which says under-18s aren't allowed to watch it.* False. The article said: "Some experts are calling for a change in film certification so the under-18s are unable to see actors smoking on the silver screen."
3. Is this statement true or false? *Spider-Man and The Matrix were box office hits in the US.* True. The article said: "This research by Bristol University looked at the potential influence of some of the 360 top US box office films released between 2001 and 2005 that showed smoking, such as Spider-Man and The Matrix."
4. Are films with the rating U or PG not allowed to show people smoking? No. In the UK, films with ratings U (universal) or PG (parental guidance) ban scenes showing drug misuse but not cigarette smoking.
5. Do blockbuster films begin with the credits? No. The article said: "Would the motion-picture industry have to re-think what goes in every scene from the start to the end credits?"

Exercise 练习

1. Research has found that some teenagers take up smoking because they see it depicted in films.
2. People who carried out this research want a change in film certification.
3. Films are given a classification such as U or PG, which gives the audience a guide to the age range the film is suitable for.
4. When a film is first shown to the general public we say it is released.
5. An actor who serves as a good example of how to behave and is emulated by others is called a role model.

Glossary 词汇表

lights, camera, action! 灯光, 开拍, 动作!	imagery 想象中的
blockbuster 畅销大片	depict 表现, 刻画
box office 票房	film certification (针对观众年龄的) 电影限制规定
the silver screen 银幕	ratings 评级
PG (parental guidance) 家长指导级	the lead 领衔主演
glamorising 潇洒的	motion-picture 电影
scene 场面	the end credits 影片末尾的演员表
reclassify 重新划定	role models 榜样