

Cinema etiquette 电影院礼仪

Vocabulary: Behaviour 词汇: 行为表现

For me, one of the greatest pleasures in life is going to watch a great film - or movie - at the cinema. It's a chance for **escapism** - getting away from real life. There's nothing better than being engrossed in a story unless, of course, someone decides to spoil the moment.

Whether at an **art house** cinema or a huge **multiplex**, someone usually decides to treat the auditorium like their own home! There is an **etiquette** - or accepted way of behaving - at the cinema which some people don't seem to understand.



Munching popcorn at the movies: love it or hate it?

To start with, some people always turn up late, causing you to rise from your seat to allow them to get past. Then, when you want to enjoy the digital projection and surround-sound effects, someone decides to **slurp** on their drink and **munch** their popcorn. And my worst **bugbear** is people who decide to chat to their friends; sometimes not even about the film. It's just **bad manners!**

I'm not alone in this **rant**. Simon Mayo, a film critic and radio presenter at the BBC, experienced a "new low" during a film screening. He says "the woman in front of me gets the phone out..., and then has an app on her phone which turns her phone into a mirror." He goes on to say a friend then got her phone out and used the torch on it to allow her to do her make-up!

He has helped to create a **code of conduct** for moviegoers - a list of rules on how people should behave at the cinema. One of them is to ban mobile phones, and another is not to take your shoes off - a very **serious offence!**

Of course, when we have paid for a ticket, we feel it is our right to relax and enjoy the film and in the way we want to, but we mustn't forget our fellow moviegoers who want to enjoy the cinematic experience too. Some cinema companies have attempted to stop **anti-social behaviour** by banning popcorn or having child-free film screenings.

The best option for anyone wanting to break the rules of cinema etiquette is to get a DVD and watch it at home. But we all know that the best way to appreciate the art of cinematography is on the big screen. It's your choice!

What about you? What annoys you about other people at the cinema?

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. Why does the author enjoy going to the cinema?
2. What phrase in the article describes hearing the audio of the film all around you, from many loudspeakers?
3. True or false? *A code of conduct lists all the bad things people do in a certain place.*
4. Name something that some cinema companies have done to stop anti-social behaviour.
5. What is considered by some people possibly to be the worst offence at a cinema?

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. My brother is such a noisy eater; he always _____ his soup.

munches	eats	slurps	plays
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2. My train journey to work is always a nightmare. I pay a lot of money, I never get a seat, but my biggest _____ is that the train never leaves on time.

bugbear	bare bug	bugging	brown bear
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3. Breaking the speed limit when driving is against the law, but the most serious _____ is driving whilst drunk.

offender	a fence	offended	offence
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4. A new _____ has opened at the shopping mall. The problem is there are so many films being screened I don't know which one to choose.

theatre	multiplex	door	art house
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5. My sister has such _____ manners; she always says 'please' and 'thank you' when she asks for something to eat.

bad	good	anti-social	sweet
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. Why does the author enjoy going to the cinema?
Answer: It gives the author a chance to escape from real life.
2. What phrase in the article describes hearing the audio of the film all around you, from many loudspeakers?
Answer: Surround-sound.
3. True or false? *A code of conduct lists all the bad things people do in a certain place.*
Answer: False. A code of conduct is a list of rules on how people should behave in a certain place or situation.
4. Name something that some cinema companies have done to stop anti-social behaviour.
Answer: Banning popcorn or having child-free film screenings.
5. What is considered by some people possibly to be the worst offence at a cinema?
Answer: Taking your shoes off.

Exercise 练习

1. My brother is such a noisy eater; he always **slurps** his soup!
2. My train journey to work is always a nightmare. I pay a lot of money, I never get a seat, but my biggest **bugbear** is that the train never leaves on time.
3. Breaking the speed limit when driving is against the law, but the most serious **offence** is driving whilst drunk.
4. A new **multiplex** has opened at the shopping mall. The problem is there are so many films being screened; I don't know which one to choose.
5. My sister has such **good** manners; she always says 'please' and 'thank you' when she asks for something to eat.

Glossary 词汇表

escapism	逃避现实
art house	小型电影院
multiplex	大型电影院
etiquette	礼仪
slurp	发出声音喝东西
munch	大口咀嚼（食物）
bugbear	棘手的难题
bad manners	不礼貌的行为
rant	牢骚，批评
code of conduct	行为准则
serious offence	严重的罪行
anti-social behaviour	反社会行为