Séquence 2

The World of cinema

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"It's the movies that have really been running things in America ever since they were invented. They show you what to do, how to do it, when to do it, how to feel about it, on how to look how you feel about it."

Andy Warhol





bjectifs de la séquence

Dans cette séquence, vous allez apprendre à réaliser le storyboard d'une scène de film et à comprendre des dialogues filmiques.

Pour cela, des activités vous seront proposées à partir de documents variés liés au monde du cinéma, pour vous informer et développer vos compétences en lecture, en audition et en expression orale et écrite.

1. Get ready: getting to know the world of film

Vous allez vous familiariser avec le lexique et les différents registres de langues liés au monde du cinéma, et vous allez faire l'état de vos connaissances culturelles dans ce domaine.

2. Learning to talk about movies

Vous allez étudier un document sonore dans lequel on parle du cinéma. Cela vous donnera un modèle et le vocabulaire nécessaire avant de vous lancer vous-même dans l'aventure.

3. Describing a scene from a film

Vous allez étudier un exemple, analyser le type de langage que l'on utilise, puis mettre en pratique.

4. Understand and appreciate dialogue

Vous allez développer votre compréhension de l'oral grâce à un travail sur l'intonation et le repérage des éléments essentiels.

5. Developing your comprehension of the implicit

Vous allez apprendre à vous servir des détails dans une conversation pour déceler l'implicite (ou le non-dit).

6. Writing a storyboard for a scene

Vous allez vous entraîner à créer un storyboard. Vous décrirez la scène en précisant la prise de vue, le décor, la tenue des personnages et leurs actions. Ensuite vous rédigerez le script.



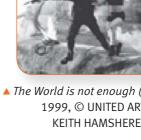
Get ready: getting to know the world of film

Activity 1

Study the documents below, then match each still (picture from the film) with the correct synopsis (summary of the movie) and source.



Stills



▲ The World is not enough (Bond), 1999, © UNITED ARTISTS / KEITH HAMSHERE / AKG.



△ Gone with the wind, V. Fleming, 1939, © akg-images.



► Animal Farm. © Collection Christophel.



▲ War of the Worlds, 2005, © PARAMOUNT PICTURES / FRANK MASI / AKG.



▲ West Side story, 1961, © MIRISCH-7 ARTS / UNITED ARTISTS / AKG.

Synopses

(one synopsis \rightarrow two synopses)

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This movie transplants the classic **tale** of "Romeo and Juliet" to New York City in the 1950s. The two feuding families are replaced by brawling street gangs. The Montagues become the Anglo Jets, led by Riff, and the Capulets become the Puerto Rican Sharks, led by Bernardo. At a dance, Tony, former leader of the Jets and Riff's best friend, and Maria, Bernardo's little sister, see each other across the room and it's love at first sight. With opposition from both sides, they meet secretly and their love grows deeper. However, the gangs **are plotting** one last rumble, a fight that will finally end the battle for control of the streets...

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A **cast** of real animals appear alongside **digitally manipulated** critters and lifelike beasts. At the Manor Farm, the alcoholic master Mr. Jones is cruel to his animals and has horribly mismanaged the property. One night, the wise but elderly pig Old Major tells the animals of a remarkable dream, in which they throw off their tyrannical human masters and learn to make the most of their own labors...

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Ray Ferrier is a working class man living in New Jersey. He's estranged from his family and his life isn't in order. But the unthinkable and, ultimately, the unexpected happens to him. Aliens arrive en masse to destroy Earth. As they cross the country in a wave of mass destruction and violence, Ray must come to the defence of his children...

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Once upon a time in a far away swamp, there lived an ogre named Shrek whose precious solitude is suddenly disturbed by an invasion of annoying fairy-tale characters who have been banished from their kingdom by the evil Lord Farquaad. Shrek makes a deal with Farquaad and sets out to rescue the beautiful Princess Fiona to be Farquaad's bride. Accompanying him on his mission is a wisecracking Donkey who will do anything for Shrek- except shut up...

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This is cinema's greatest, **star-studded**, historical epic film of the Old South during wartime that boasts an immortal cast in a **timeless**, classic tale of a love-hate romance. The indomitable **heroine**, Scarlett O'Hara, struggles to find love during the chaotic Civil War years and afterwards, and ultimately must seek refuge for herself and her family back at the beloved plantation Tara. There, she takes charge, defends it against Union soldiers, carpetbaggers, and starvation itself. She finally marries her worldly admirer Rhett Butler, but her apathy toward him in their marriage dooms their battling relationship, and she again returns to Tara to find consolation

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Bond must race to defuse an international power struggle to save the world's oil supply. He is assigned to protect the sultry Elektra King, the daughter of a murdered oil tycoon. Renard, the standard villain has a bullet lodged in his brain rendering him unable to feel pain. Dangerous stunt work and exhilarating action sequences make this a worthy addition to the OO7 series.



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Sources

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Gone With The Wind* (1939) is often considered the most beloved, enduring and popular film of all time. Sidney Howard's script was derived from Margaret Mitchell's first and only published, best-selling Civil War and Reconstruction Period novel of 1,037 pages that first appeared in 1936, but was mostly written in the late 1920s.

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Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow head the voice cast of "Shrek," the irreverent comedy from the computer animation wizards at PDI/ DreamWorks. The film is based on the children's book by William Steig.

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This is a classic musical with a book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein, and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. 4

This is the cinematographic adaptation of George Orwell's political fable about corruption and betrayal in post-revolutionary Russia.

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It is the nineteenth spy film in the James Bond series, and the third to star Pierce Brosnan as the fictional MI6 agent James Bond. 6

This film is science-fiction full of suspense, based on the classic novel by H.G. Wells.

1 Match the appropriate number or letter with each film.

	Still	Synopsis	Source
Animal Farm			
Gone with the Wind			
Shrek			
The World is not Enough			
War of the World			
West Side Story			

2 The words on the left below are in bold print in the synopses or in the sources above. Match each word with its definition.

1.	tale	0	0	a.	a story for children with imaginary characters
2.	to plot	0	0	b.	beginning of a fairy tale
3.	cast	0	0	C.	converts sounds & images into numbers
4.	digital	0	0	d.	including a lot of famous actors and actresses
5.	unexpected	0	0	e.	people who act in a film
6.	once upon a time	0	0	f.	story
7.	fairy tale	0	0	g.	surprising
8.	star-studded	0	0	h.	to plan secretly
9.	timeless	0	0	i.	an exciting and dangerous piece of action in a film
LO.	villain	0	0	j.	eternal, universal
l 1 .	stunt	0	0	k.	evil character
12.	to head	0	0	l.	of very high quality, recognised as a standard
13.	to be based on	0	0	m.	secret agent
L 4 .	classic	0	0	n.	to be the inspiration for
15.	spy	0	0	0.	to be the leader(s) of
16.	to star	0	0	p.	to play an important role

Check your answers.

Activity 2

Focus on words

1 On the left are some film titles. On the right are some of the ways we classify films. Match each title with the appropriate kind of film.

1. 2001, A Space Odyssey	Q	\circ	a. (Hollywood) musical
2. An Inconvenient Truth	0	\circ	b. cartoon
3. Ben Hur	0 \	\circ	c. disaster movie
4. Hallowe'en	0 \	0	d. documentary
5. Mamma Mia!	0 \		e. historical film
6. Once Upon a Time in the West	0	$\setminus \circ$	f. horror film
7. Saving Private Ryan	0	/0	g. romantic comedy
8. The Matrix	0	*	h. science fiction movie
9. Titanic	0	0	i. thriller
10. <i>Wall-E</i>	0	0	j. war film
11. When Harry Met Sally	\circ	\circ	k. western

Check your answers.



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2 Associate one or more of the adjectives with one type of film. (Write the adjective in the righthandside column as in the example.)

action-packed	1. h	Entertaining/amusing/thought-inspiring
amusing	2	
breathtaking	3	
classic	4	
educational		
entertaining	6	
exciting	-	
innovative	8	
scary	9	
sentimental	10	
thought-inspiring	11	

3 Now decide which kind of film, in the list below, each of the following review extracts corresponds to.

Tiltle / kind of film	Review extract
	a quiet and powerful eulogy to all westerns
	a profound, visionary and astounding film
	a landmark in story telling emotion and special effects
	the best animated film of the decade
	compelling and easy to understand
	shatteringly brutal and graphically realistic
	characterised by suspense and terror
	an action powerhouse
	the biggest and the best of Hollywood's super spectacles
	transcends the usual level of stereotyping
	terrific songs, super performances from a great cast

Western - war film - disaster - historical film - documentary - horror film - cartoon - science fiction - thriller - musical - romantic comedy.

Check your answers.

1 In what situation might you say the following? Match each question with one of the situations on the right.

1. What's on?		ou need to know what time to arrive at the inema.
2. Who's in it?	○ b. Y	ou have no idea what to see.
3. What's it about?		ou want to know if you are familiar with any of ne actors.
4. Where's it on?		ou want to know your friend's opinion at the nd of the film.
5. What time does it start? O		might be a romantic comedy and you wouldn't njoy that.
6. What did you think of it? O	○ f. Th	nere are three different cinemas in your town.
2 What ab what the		layers on the film set? Match each person with
1. Director		t on with the shooting and stop wasting time! e is Money!"
2. Producer	○ b. "Sce	ene 1. Take 2."
3. Continuity girl O	is su	ar the set! Get those extras out of here! This upposed to be a film studio not a coffee shop! on! Cut!"
4. Clapperboard man 🔾	O d. "Ro	ling!"
5. Cameraman O	oe. "You well	a're ten years older and you can't walk very ."
	ne commentar e example.	y with the appropriate Oscar (= Academy Award)
1. Best film	0	a. beautifully written
2. Best actor	0	 b. convincing performance of the lea- ding lady
3. Best actress	0	 c. moving interpretation of the hero's predicament
4. Best director	0	od. brilliantly photographed desert shots
Best original screenplay of (script)	0	 e. remarkably successful superposition digital and real world
6. Best cinematic photography	y O	○ f. well-chosen background music
7. Best special effects	0	○ g. marvellously authentic period costumes
8. Best original score (music)	0	h. intelligently directed
9. Best wardrobe	0	 i. enormously moving and unforgettable

Check your answers.



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L'emploi de la voix passive dans les critiques filmiques (et littéraires)

Lorsque l'on fait la critique d'un film (ou d'un livre), on s'intéresse à l'œuvre créée et non pas directement à son concepteur. C'est pour cette raison que l'on emploie en anglais la voix passive. Entraînez-vous à faire des phrases acceptables à partir de ce tableau:

The part of James Bond
Margaret Mitchell's novel
Abba's hits
Life in the Roman times
The film
The undersea shots
The off-screen commentary
The consequences of our inaction

superbly
sentimentally
is crudely
are movingly
was beautifully
were pretentiously
brilliantly

sung
directed
photographed
portrayed
written
acted
described



Note down any new words in this section and learn them.

[Notez les mots nouveaux que vous avez rencontrés et apprenez-les.]



Now try talking about your favourite film, using as many expressions as possible from the section.

Note down a few ideas about your favourite film and words that you have learnt in this section and then speak for about 1-2 minutes. You can use your computer or MP3 to record yourself. Then, listen to your recording.





Comment apprendre à parler?

Un des moyens les plus sûrs d'accélérer votre apprentissage de la langue parlée, pour pouvoir bien parler vous-même, c'est d'écouter de l'anglais authentique autant que possible. Nous vous proposons de nombreux exemples, mais plus vous le faites de vous-même, pendant vos loisirs, plus vous progresserez vite. Par exemple, profitez de cette séquence sur le monde du cinéma pour vous offrir des séances de cinéma en version originale — ou tout simplement chez vous avec un DVD en mettant éventuellement les sous-titres en anglais en plus. Essayez-le! Aujourd'hui, de plus en plus de candidats passionnés des séries et films américains en V.O. obtiennent d'excellentes notes au baccalauréat. Ne passez pas à côté de votre chance!

Activity 4



Listen to the document on your CD as many times as necessary and complete the table.

Number of charac- ters and their identity							
Films only mentioned							
Actors mentioned							
Film actually* wat- ched in the cinema							
Characters + details							

* actually = really



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2 For each character, indicate their comments (the key words) about the film the teenagers watched.

girl	boy	mother

		e appropriate adjectiv versation and tick the	e to describe the mood (atmosphere) correct justification.
Mood:	☐ friendly	unfriendly	□ playful

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nobody listens to anybody else	they tease each other (se taquiner)

o be	nice to	each	other
	o be	o be nice to	o be nice to each

they are rude and interrupt each other

Check your answers.

☐ indifferent ☐ hostile

	Comment exprimer appréciation d'un fi					
Is it worth seeing?	It's not worth seeing!	It's well worth seeing!				
Que déduisez-vous par rappo	ort à ces films ?					
The critics say <i>Quantum of Solace</i> is not a great Bond film → <i>so, it's not worth seeing!</i> Twilight is very popular with 15-25 year olds →						

Talk about the last film you saw. It doesn't have to be a good one!

Use the guide below to make notes (but don't write complete sentences). In Column 1, you have an example based on the film *When Harry Met Sally*. In Column 2, you have an indication about the elements you must mention, and in Column 3, you should note your ideas about your film. Speak directly from your notes.

Example: When Harry Met Sally	Guide	Your film
A film I saw recently on television was When Harry Met Sally. It is a 1989 romantic comedy film directed by Rob Reiner. It stars Billy Cristal as Harry and Meg Ryan as Sally.	Part 1 Factual information: title / where seen / writer / director / cast / other relevant details	
The film is set in modern-day New York over a period of 12 years. Harry and Sally first meet by accident, and regularly bump into each other over the years.	Part 2 Main contents Descriptive information: the period / the setting / the characters / the story	
The film is brilliantly directed, so the acting is very realistic. It was also very well written and the situations are often hilarious. Last but not least, the music is fantastic.	Part 3 Main contents Your reactions: favou- rable / unfavourable to acting / direction / cos- tume / photography	
This is a romance comedy that is well worth seeing even if you usually avoid sentimental films. You will laugh more than the girls will cry!	Part 4 Conclusion Your recommendation	



Record yourself as you speak. Then listen to assess your performance.

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Comment évaluer votre prestation orale

Cochez la case qui correspond le mieux à votre prestation :

votre discours s'enchaîne :	plutôt difficilement	plutôt facilement	
vous faites :	beaucoup d'erreurs grammaticales	peu d'erreurs grammaticales	
vous utilisez :	un vocabulaire assez limité	un vocabulaire plutôt varié	
vous parlez avec :	un accent étranger assez prononcé	un accent étranger peu perceptible	
	= Niveau A2 niveau attendu pour le Brevet	= Niveau B1 niveau attendu fin 3 ^e /2 ^{de}	

En fonction de votre diagnostic, vous savez ce que vous devez faire. Le vocabulaire et la grammaire s'apprennent, mais surtout en analysant vos erreurs pour y remédier. L'accent étranger se perd en écoutant et en répétant beaucoup. Pour développer la fluidité (l'enchaînement fluide de votre discours), il faut parler et parler encore!



Describing a scene from a film

Au cours de cette séquence, nous allons vous apprendre à créer un storyboard pour quelques scènes d'un film. La première étape, c'est de savoir décrire la scène pour que le directeur sache quels éléments sont essentiels dans la scène et pour que le cameraman sache exactement comment filmer.

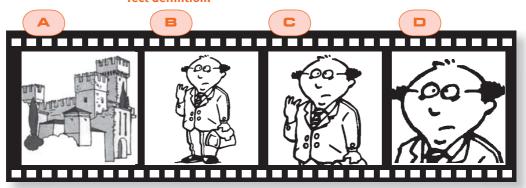
Definition of "storyboard"

Visual display of the action elements in a script prepared in conjunction with the script, to add the dimension of sight to the script. The story-board is a sequential series of illustrations depicting the key action called for by the script.

Activity 6

Let's talk first about the camera shots.

Match each shot (plan) below with the appropriate name and the correct definition.



Shot	Name	
	1. Close up	
	2. Wide shot	
	3. Medium shot	
	4. Long shot	

Definition

- a. You shoot from just below the waist to above the head. It is used if the person is animated with their hand movements, etc.
- b. It is used to reveal detail. For example, just the head and shoulders of a subject.
- c. This shot is useful for someone that is walking or moving.
- **d.** This shows the whole scene. It sets the stage and might show a small crowd of people.



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2	Look back at the stills (1. Get ready). Write the number of the a	ppro-
	priate stills opposite each type of shot.	

1. Close up	
2. Wide shot	
3. Medium shot	
4. Long shot	

Now let's make sure you can talk about the actors' actions.

	ก	ln	wh	ich	still(c)	are	there	actors	who
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are stretching out their arms?	 Wordbank
are clapping?	 stretch : (s') étirer
are holding something (or somebody)?	 hold : <i>tenir</i>
are smiling?	 clap : <i>applaudir</i>
are looking worried?	

2 In which still(s) are the actors...

looking at each other?	
all looking at the same object?	
avoiding eye-contact with each other?	
looking up into the sky?	
looking out of the screen (at the viewer)?	
looking where they're going?	

Quelle forme verbale utilise-t-on pour décrire une scène?

(Revoyez ces deux exercices si vous avez des doutes!)

Check your answers.

Activity 8



Now read the following description of a still and decide which film it comes from.

It's a medium shot. In the background, a crowd of people wearing winter coats, hats and gloves are pointing towards the sky in front of them. They are all looking at the same thing. They look frightened. In the foreground,

	a man is holding a ch ter. She looks quite b them are looking towar them. There is a car pa a. The film is	ig, but doesn't seer rds the sky. It looks a rked next to them.	n to be able to walk. as if something is app	Both of roaching
	b. In the description, Underline them, the sion, and analyse th	n complete the table e structure, as in th	e with the appropriate le example.	
Expression		Structure	Meaning	
They look frighten	eu	Look + adjectif	Avoir l'air	
	They are the He is dres	décrire la tenue von vearing winter coassed in everyday clot a striped jacked description for the	ats. lothes. t on.	with the
Film Title : Description of still :		is not Enough. DON	still from either <i>Gone</i> I'T FORGET to use wo	

Check your answer, and if you need more practice, do the other still!



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Understand and appreciate dialogue

Il va falloir intégrer le script qui correspond aux prises de vue dans votre storyboard. C'est la raison pour laquelle, nous allons nous intéresser au dialogue. On va partir d'exemples, pour ensuite en réaliser nous-mêmes.

Activity 9



- **1** Listen to the recording and complete the table in the following steps:
 - a. Pay attention to the intonation for each sentence. Does it go up ↑ or down √?
 - b. Listen again and identify the type of sentence; + (affirmative);- (negative), ? (interrogative) or ! (exclamative).
 - c. Listen one last time and write down the script.

NO	Intonation		Type of sentence			ce	Contones (- societ)
Nº	1	+	+	_	?	!	Sentence (= script)
1	Х				Χ		
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

2 Look at the table and analyse the results to complete this summary with the correct answer. You can listen again if you are not sure!

L'intonation en anglais

En anglais, l'intonation des phrases		
affirmatives et négatives	monte	descend
Pour les exclamations, l'intonation	monte	descend
Pour les questions, cela dépend de l	eur nature :	
Dans les questions fermées		
(yes/no questions), l'intonation	monte	descend
Dans les questions ouvertes		
(Wh-questions), l'intonation	monte	descend

Check your answers.



1 Listen to the following dialogue from a film, paying attention to the intonation and complete the table below with notes. (Feel free to listen as many times as you think is necessary.)

Number of speakers	
Number of people participating in the conversation	
Identity of people participating in the conversation	
Type of conversation	
Subject of conversation	
Incident which made this conversation necessary	
How much time do they have?	
Solution to the problem	
People to contact	

2 Listen again, and decide which adjectives correspond to which character in the scene and quote the document to justify your choice.

Adiostics	Character	lucation and	
Adjective	speaker	listener	Justification
inattentive			
evasive			
(feels) aggressed			
reassuring			
pragmatic			
concerned			
not very helpful			
upset			

Check your answers.



Practise makes perfect

tons à profiter de cet extrait dans le

Ce n'est pas l'objectif principal de cette séquence, mais nous vous invitons à profiter de cette occasion pour travailler votre anglais parlé. Regardez le script de cet extrait dans le corrigé, réfléchissez à la nature des phrases et à l'intonation qui s'impose. Puis entraînez-vous à jouer le rôle. Enregistrez-vous et comparez votre prestation avec l'original.

Activity 11

Imagine the still that corresponds to the film script that you have just listened to. You may want to draw the scene first:

Written description:

Activity 12

Now look at the script for the model presentation of Activity 10 (see the model answer).



1 Play the recording again and follow the script at the same time. Draw a slash (/) each time the speaker marks a pause.



Record yourself (on your computer or mp3 player) giving the presentation, then listen and compare your recording with the original version.



Developing your comprehension of the implicit



Activity 13

1 Listen to the following dialogue from a film script, paying attention to the intonation and complete the table below with notes. (Feel free to listen as many times as you think is necessary.)

Number of speakers			
Identity of speakers			
Subject of conversation			
Tone of conversation	☐ friendly	argumentative	indifferent
2 Su	m up the situation	in your own words.	

② Listen again paying attention to details. We learn the following information about Trish's family (= implication). For each piece of information, indicate the clues (les indices) in the conversation. (Quote the text.)

CLUE	IMPLICATION
	Trish's sister is soon getting married.
	Trish's family has foreign origins.
	Trish's mother's major concern is with Trish's future marriage.
	Divorce is inacceptable for Trish's mother.

Check your answers.



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- **4** Now listen again to find the clues and to establish the implication regarding.
 - a. Trish's ambition:

CLUE	IMPLICATION	
b. Trish's dad's attitude (towards other people, his wife, Trish).		
c. Trish's mother's attitude to the Western way of life.		
d. Trish's age.		

Check your answers and study the script.

We have <u>underlined</u> the expressions that you may find particularly useful in writing your own script.



• Imagine the still that corresponds to the next scene in the film. (Trish and her father remain in the room and continue the discussion.)

Draw the scene first.

Drawing	Written description
	Camera shot:
	Decor:
	Characters' appearance:
	Characters' actions:

2 Imagine the dialogue between the two characters. (You are the scriptwriter, the director gives you the general idea, you transform it into dialogue.)



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General idea	Dialogue
wants to convince daughter mother is right	
accuses father of not expressing his real feelings	
admits his attitude would be different if Trish was a boy	
accuses mother of being old-fashioned	
explains that everyone just wants Trish's happiness	
suggests that being David Beckham is everyone's dream	

Check the model answer. (Pay special attention to the way we make the dialogue more realistic. <u>Underline</u> the expressions that make the dialogue authentic.) ■