

Life Upper Intermediate Writing worksheet

Answer key

Units 5 & 6 Writing a review

1 Students' own answers

2 on a film website

3 1 no previous experience 2 episodes 3 scene 4 reviewers 5 mainstream cinema 6 timeless

4 Possible answer

Paragraph	
1 Overview	Life of Pi film was a surprising success based on novel by Yann Martel directed by Yann Martel stars Suraj Sharma as Pi, an actor with no experience
2 Summary	Pi survives a shipwreck he loses his family and zoo animals only other survivor is a Bengal tiger story is about the events Pi and the tiger experience while on the lifeboat film ends with characters arriving in Mexico
3 Opinion	one of the best films of recent years Lee and Sharma are the reasons for the film's success it's a timeless film

5 1 linking word: for instance details: by showing the problems the main character has

2 linking word: such as; details: career and study choices

3 linking word: namely; details: in the long opening scene showing life in general at that time

6 1 However, 2 Although, 3 Despite, 4 Although, 5 However, 6 Despite

7 Possible answer

Overview details

- *Like Water for Chocolate*
- directed by Alfonso Arau
- based on novel by Laura Esquivel
- stars Lumi Cavazos, Marco Leonardi and Regina Torné

Plot summary details and examples

- story of forbidden love affair between Tita and Pedro
- Tita youngest sibling, forced to stay at home to care for her mother
- Pedro marries her Tita's sister, Tita is heartbroken
- introduction of magical realism – Tita's love and emotions magically affect the food she cooks
- example: wedding meal scene – Tita's tears fall into the wedding cake and the guests
- Tita and Pedro's love is tested over the years
- her cookery produces extraordinary events.
- film ends with the family ranch burning down – Tita's cookbook survives

Opinion

- themes of love, family, freedom, expression relevant today
- magical and enchanting as ever

9 Model answer

Like water for chocolate

Like water for chocolate is one of Mexico's biggest international hits. The film is directed by Alonso Arau and based on the novel by Laura Esquivel. It stars Lumi Cavazos, Marco Leonardi and Regina Torné.

The film tells the story of the forbidden love between Tita and Pedro. Tita, the youngest of family, is forced by her mother to stay at home and take care of her. Pedro marries the sister, and Tita is heartbroken. Magical realism is introduced as Tita's love and emotions magically affect the food she cooks. For instance, one scene shows the wedding guests becoming upset and sick as they are affected by Tita's tears, which had fallen into the cake as she was preparing it. As the years go by, Tita and Pedro's love is tested and her cooking produces extraordinary events. The film ends with the family home burning down and only Tita's cookbook surviving.

Despite the film's age, I would argue that the story's themes of love, family and gender are still relevant today, and the story is as magical and enchanting as ever. (180 words)

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