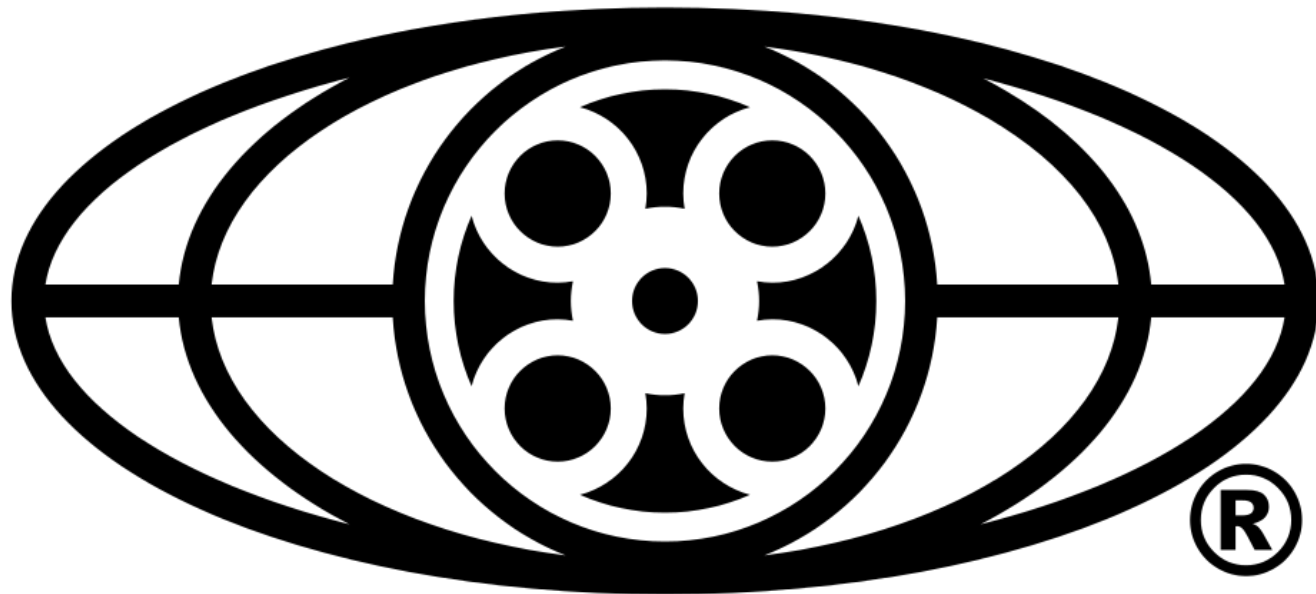


The MPAA Film Rating System



5. *In the USA there is a special MPAA* Rating System for films. Its responsibility is to classify films, label each film clearly so that cinema managers can control the audience for each picture.*

1) What are the main categories in this system? (reading for specific information)

Rating symbol	Meaning
G	G – General Audiences. <i>All ages admitted. Nothing that would offend parents for viewing by children.</i>
PG	PG – Parental Guidance Suggested. <i>Some material may not be suitable for children. Parents urged to give "parental guidance". May contain some material parents might not like for their young children.</i>
PG-13	PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned. <i>Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. Parents are urged to be cautious. Some material may be inappropriate for pre-teenagers.</i>
R	R – Restricted. <i>Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian. Contains some adult material. Parents are urged to learn more about the film before taking their young children with them.</i>

Do ex. 5-6 to learn more about the MPAA film rating system



G. General Audience; all ages admitted

This is a film which contains nothing in theme, language, nudity (without clothes) and sex, or violence which would be offensive (unpleasant) to parents whose younger children view the film. Some bits of language may go beyond polite conversation but are common everyday expressions. The violence is at a minimum. Nudity, sex scenes are not present.

PG. Parental Guidance Suggested; some material may not be suitable for children

This is a film which needs to be examined by parents before they let their younger children attend. The label 'PG' means that parents may consider some material unsuitable for their children. There may be unrespectful scenes or words in these films. There may be violence. There is no sex on the screen, although there may be some indication of sensuality (чувственность). Brief nudity may appear in PG-rated films.

**R. Restricted, children under 17
require accompanying parent**

This is an adult film in some of its aspects. The language may be rough, the violence may be hard and nudity and lovemaking may be present.

NC-17. No one under 17 admitted

This is an adult film and no children are allowed to watch it. The reason for not allowing children to such films can relate to the accumulation of brutal (very cruel) or sexually connected language or sex and too much violence.

When *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* and *Gremlins* came out in June 1984 there was an immediate negative reaction from critics and parents alike to the amount of violence in both films. A new rating called 'PG-13' (to cover the grey area between the 'PG' and the 'R' ratings) was instituted on July 1, 1984.

2) What are the main features of differently rated films? (reading for detail)

	Language	Sex and nudity	Violence
G	everyday		
PG	unrespectful		
PG-13		small bits of nudity	
R			hard
NC-17			

3) Do you think we need such a rating system in Russia?

6. Look through the following review of children's films.

1) What rating do they have? (reading for specific information)

Apollo 13

What It's About: Astronauts Lovell (Tom Hanks), Swigert (Kevin Bacon), and Haise (Bill Paxton) head for the moon on NASA's 1970 space mission.

Will Kids Want to Watch It?

Older children will be fascinated.

MPAA: ...

Sex/Nudity: None.

Drugs/Alcohol: Cocktails at a party; an astronaut (Gray Sinise) drinks beer.

Violence/Scariness: None, but younger kids may be frightened when they realize the crew (экипаж) is in danger.

Objectionable Words/Phrases: About 50.

Appropriate Ages: 10 and up.

Batman Forever

What It's About: With the help of companion Robin (Chris O'Donnell) and psychiatrist Dr. Chase Meridian (Nicole Kidman), the Caped Crusader (крестоносец) (Val Kilmer) defends Gotham City against the Riddler (Jim Carrey) and Two-Face (Tommy Lee Jones).

Will Kids Want to Watch It? Yes!

MPAA: ...

Sex/Nudity: Innuendo (намек).

Drugs/Alcohol: Two-Face drinks at a party.

Violence/Scariness: Mostly POW! BAM! SMACK! cartoonish action. The only scene that may truly scare youngsters is the death of Robin's family.

Objectionable Words/Phrases: About 10.

Appropriate Ages: 8 and up.

Species

What It's About: The US government searches for extraterrestrial (внеземной) intelligence and finds it.

Will Kids Want to Watch It? May be, but these life-forms are not sweet natured and the film is too full of blood and nudity.

MPAA: ...

Sex/Nudity: Sill (Natasha Henstridge), the alien is often bare-breasted.

Drugs/Alcohol: Drinking in a club; the search-and-destroy team (Michael Madsen, Forest Whitaker, and Marg Helgenberger) has drinks with dinner.

Violence/Scariness: Scientists try to kill Sill with gas, disgusting snakelike appendages (отростки) come up through Sill's skin; Sill cuts off her own thumb.

Objectionable Words/Phrases: About 30.

Appropriate Ages: 16 and up.

- 2) Why did the films get such a rating?
- 3) Which one have you seen? Did you like it? Why?
- 4) Which one would you like to see? Why?

Home task:

- 1) Vocabulary, p. 209 (1, + professions)
- 2) Film Rating System in Russia/ the UK