

# BLADE RUNNER 2049

- Directed by** Denis Villeneuve and **starring** Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford, this action-adventure film is the **sequel** of the 1982 science-fiction film *Blade Runner* by Ridley Scott. It is **set** 30 years after the events of the original film.
- The action takes place in the Los Angeles of the future, a city where there are flying cars and gigantic adverts in the form of holograms. People use replicants (androids) for work. **Unfortunately**, some of these replicants have become dangerous to humans. Ryan Gosling stars as K, a replicant who works for the Los Angeles Police Department as a 'blade runner'. His job is to find and kill these dangerous replicants. One day he discovers a secret that could put the future of humans at risk.
- Ryan Gosling is excellent as K, and Harrison Ford also gives a great **performance** as the retired blade runner Rick Deckart, who helps K find the answers he is looking for. The special effects and photography are as **stunning** as in the original film, the soundtrack is **superb** and the screenplay **holds your attention** from beginning to end.
- For me the word that best **describes** this movie is **awesome**. It's one of the best science-fiction films I've ever seen and in my view it's suitable for adults and teenagers alike.

Simon



- SPEAKING** What is the best or worst film you've seen? Discuss with a partner.
- In the film review on the left, Simon talks about the film *Blade Runner 2049*. Before you read, make a list of the things you think he might include.

*plot, actors, special effects, ...*

- Read the film review and check your answers in Exercise 2.
- Read the film review again and answer the questions.

In which paragraph does the writer:

- give his opinions about the film? ☐
- give a summary of his opinions and his recommendation? ☐
- give background information? ☐
- describe the plot and the main characters? ☐

- Complete the **WRITING FOCUS** with the phrases in purple in the film review.

## WRITING FOCUS

### A film review

#### • Background information:

<sup>1</sup> *Directed by* Denis Villeneuve ...

<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *Ryan Gosling and Harrison Ford.*

*The film was nominated for/was awarded the ...*

*This action-adventure/romantic comedy/thriller/historical drama/animated feature film ...*

*The film is a* <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *of/a remake of/an adaptation of ...*

*It is based on the true story of/the novel ...*

*It is* <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *30 years later/during the ...*

*The action takes place in the future/in a village/in ...*

*Ryan Gosling/the actor stars as ...*

#### • Plot:

*At first/Then/After that/Later on ...*

<sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, *some of these replicants have become dangerous ...*

*Eventually, the police catch the terrorists.*

#### • Main characters:

*The characters are skilfully played/aren't very convincing.*

*Harrison Ford (also) gives a great* <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *as ...*

#### • Different aspects of the film:

*The screenplay* <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *from beginning to end.*

*The special effects are amazing.*

*The plot is fascinating/a bit boring/slow-moving.*

*The photography/soundtrack is amazing.*

#### • Summary of opinion and recommendation:

*For me the word that best* <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ *this movie is ...*

*It's one of the best (science fiction) films I've ever seen. In*

*my view, it's suitable for adults and teenagers/kids alike.*

