



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Small Group Discussion

Discuss the following questions in groups of three or four.

1. *When you were young, did you like performing (e.g. singing, reciting a poem, acting, etc.) in front of an audience? Why or why not?*
2. *Do you like performing in front of an audience now? Why or why not?*
3. *If you often perform in front of people now, where do you perform? For example, at a theater, Karaoke bar, etc.*
4. *What is your favorite line from a movie? Why? Who was the actor who said it? Do you like this actor?*
5. *Would you like to be a professional musician? Why or why not?*
6. *Would you like to be a movie star? Why or why not?*

B: Predicting

1. **Karaoke** is a form of entertainment in which a machine plays the tunes of songs and people use a microphone and sing the words, which appear at the bottom of a monitor. Today's article is about a new form of entertainment that is similar to Karaoke.

Unscramble the letters of the word below to reveal this form of entertainment. The first person to unscramble the word wins!

VOIMEOKE: _____

2. How do you think it works? Tell the class.

Reading Activities

A: Skimming

Read **Part One** of today's article and see if your prediction was correct.

Part One

Karaoke's Cinematic Offspring, Movieoke, Hits Town

BY PEDRO NICOLACI DA COSTA

NEW YORK Fri Feb 13 (Reuters) - Frustrated actors have a new **outlet** for their creative urges that until now was only available to their singing cousins -- Movieoke, Karaoke's cinematic sibling.

The **brainchild** of film-fanatic Anastasia Fite, Movieoke is just what it sounds like: a chance for those brave enough to take over from Robert De Niro in his "You talkin' to me?" monologue in "Taxi Driver," or to strut their stuff alongside Ben Stiller in "Zoolander."

The weekly affair takes place in the Den of Cin, a basement space below an East Village pizza parlor and video store that offers a huge selection of films to act along with.

Guests select a specific scene from a movie that is then projected onto a big screen, while a monitor in front of them shows the scene along with subtitled dialogue.

The result is either a skillful rendering of the original lines or, more often than not, some sort of goof up that draws laughter from the audience. (Continued/...)

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Glossary: **outlet** - a way of expressing and releasing one's feelings or ideas **brainchild** - idea or invention that a person has thought of



B: Comprehension

Read **Part One** again and answer the following questions.

1. What is the name of the place where people can perform Movieoke?
2. Is it in a basement space or a ground floor space?
3. Which city is it in?
4. What kinds of shops are just above it?
5. What is the name of the person who created Movieoke?
6. Are most of the people who try Movieoke good actors?

C: Check Your Understanding

Use **Part One** to fill the gaps in the steps telling you how Movieoke is used.

1. First, a performer chooses a scene from _____.
2. Then, the scene is projected _____.
3. While everyone in the audience can see the scene, the Movieoke performers look at a _____ which shows the scene and subtitles.
4. Finally, the performers say _____.

D: True, False or Not Given

Read **Part Two** of today's article and answer the following questions. Write **T** if the statement is **True**, **F** if it is **false** or **NG** if the information is **not given** in the article.

1. People above 30 years old appear to enjoy Movieoke more than people under 30.
2. It is best if you don't mind being laughed at while participating in Movieoke.
3. Fite is from New York.
4. She got the Movieoke idea from a film she watched.
5. Fite participates in Movieoke every night.

(.../Continued) So far, the Movieoke night has mostly drawn mid-20s movie **buffs** eager to relive scenes from their childhood favorites such as '80s classics "Breakfast Club" and "Heathers."

But you don't have to be a **connoisseur**, or in your 20s, to love Movieoke, though having a few beers upon arrival might help loosen things up.

"As long as you're not afraid to make a fool of yourself, it becomes a really communal experience," said Fite, who invented Movieoke last October and gives **patrons** their first beer free.

Not surprisingly given her passion for films, the Movieoke queen is from Los Angeles. An energetic participant herself,

Fite says she got the idea after making a short film about a girl who talked only in movie dialogue.

Matt Dujnic, a regular who played several roles throughout the evening, was clearly enthralled by the whole thing.

"It appeals to the aspiring never-to-be an actor in me," said Dujnic.

A small, but enthusiastic crowd attended Wednesday's session. First-timer Jon Ratner seemed completely at ease as he played pretty much every character in a scene from Eddie Murphy's "Coming to America."

"I've seen that movie more than I've seen myself in the mirror," he joked.

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Glossary: **buffs** - people who are very interested in a particular activity **connoisseur** - a person who knows a lot about a particular subject **patrons** - customers

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E: Guessing By The Context

Work out what the words in **bold** mean in the following excerpts. **Do not** use your dictionary.

The brainchild of film-**fanatic** Anastasia Fite, Movieoke is just what it sounds like: a chance for those brave enough to take over from Robert De Niro in his “You talkin’ to me?” monologue in “Taxi Driver,” or to strut their stuff alongside Ben Stiller in “Zoolander.”

1. A **fanatic** is a person who...
 - a. ...likes to collect things.
 - b. ...is very enthusiastic about something.
 - c. ...is very intelligent.

The result is either a skillful rendering of the original lines or, more often than not, some sort of **goof up** that draws laughter from the audience.

2. A **goof up** is a...
 - a. ...mistake.
 - b. ...sick feeling.
 - c. ...comedy movie.

“As long as you’re not afraid to make a fool of yourself, it becomes a really **communal** experience,” said Fite,...

3. Something that is **communal** is...
 - a. ...embarrassing.
 - b. ...valuable.
 - c. ...shared by a group of people.

Matt Dujnic, a regular who played several roles throughout the evening, was clearly **enthralled** by the whole thing.

4. If someone was **enthralled** by something, he or she...
 - a. ...was disappointed.
 - b. ...had too much to drink.
 - c. ...enjoyed it very much.

F: Summarizing

The following summary of today’s article has some mistakes in it. Cross out the mistakes and write the correct words above the mistakes. Add words where necessary. When you are finished, listen to your teacher read the correct summary.

The Den of Cin in Los Angeles is the hot spot for a new kind of entertainment: Movieoke. Movieoke is similar to Karaoke except that instead of singing songs, people sing the lines from movies. The inventor of Movieoke, Anastasia Fite, got the idea after watching a short film about a boy who talked only in movie dialogue. Patrons choose movie scenes from a large selection of videos at the Den of Cin. The scene is projected onto a large screen and monitor. The performers use a megaphone to read subtitled dialogues. Fite suggests that people take themselves very seriously and just enjoy the experience.

Post-Reading Activities

You may do one or more of these.

A: Language - Interview

Part One: English-To-Go interviewed 9-year-old Mandy and her 6-year-old brother Taylor to get their views on Movieoke. In the interview the words a, an or the are missing. Fill each gap with **a**, **an** or **the**.

Here are some things to remember:

- The first time something is mentioned and the listener doesn't know it, use 'a'. 'An' is used before nouns that begin with a vowel. (A man saw an elephant at the zoo.)
- When the same thing is mentioned again, the listener now knows about it. Use 'the'. (The man was surprised to see the elephant try to take his ice cream with its trunk.)
- When we talk about a thing that we expect to be there, we use 'the'. (The man asked the zoo keeper where the rest room was.)
- When something is unique or one-of-a-kind, we use 'the'. (The elephant lives at the San Diego Zoo.)

English-To-Go (ETG): Have you been to 1. _____ Den of Cin to see Movieoke?

Mandy: No, but we did something like it at Disneyland.

ETG: What do they have at Disneyland that is similar to Movieoke?

Mandy: There is this animation theater where you can choose singing or drama, we chose drama, and you get to say your lines in the movie scene. For example, in 2. _____ movie Bambi you get to be the actor in Bambi. Instead of 3. _____ actor's voice coming out, your voice comes out.

ETG: Whoa...How do you know what to say?

Mandy: The words are at the bottom of the monitor. You just read and...

ETG: So it's subtitled just like Movieoke?

Mandy: Yes.

ETG: And you get to watch it one more time after you do the voice over, is that right?

Mandy: Yeah, that's 4. _____ only thing that's different from Movieoke.

ETG: What's your favorite scene?

Taylor: 'The Bare Necessities' from 5. _____ Jungle Book.

ETG: Can you sing it for me?

Taylor and Mandy: Look for the bare necessities, the simple bare necessities, forget about your worries and your strife. Yeah, man!

ETG: What was your favorite scene, Mandy?

Mandy: I liked acting out 6. _____ scene from Bambi.

ETG: Please say 7. _____ first line for us.

Mandy: OK..."My name's Thumper and this is my friend Chloe."

ETG: Well done. Was it a lot of fun, Taylor?

Taylor: It was 8. _____ best thing I've ever been to.

ETG: Do you think people of all ages would enjoy Movieoke?

Mandy: Yeah, I think they would. Everyone can have fun even if they're not good actors.

Taylor: I think so, too.

ETG: My last question is if you had 9. _____ choice between 10. _____ expensive Karaoke machine and 11. _____ expensive Movieoke machine for your birthday, which one would you choose?

Taylor: Movieoke.

Mandy: I'd choose Movieoke because it would help me with speech and drama at school and because I think I'm 12. _____ better actor than I am a singer.

ETG: Thank you very much, you two.



Part Two: Read the interview again and then answer the questions.

1. Where did Mandy and Taylor see something similar to Movieoke?
2. What is the only difference between what they saw and Movieoke?
3. Which movie was Mandy's favorite scene from? Which movie was Taylor's favorite scene from?
4. Does Mandy think everyone will enjoy Movieoke? Why?
5. Would Taylor prefer a Karaoke machine or a Movieoke machine for his birthday?

B: Survey

Your teacher will give you a question. Go around the class and ask every student your question. Record their answers on a piece of paper. When you have finished, your teacher will ask you to report your results to the class.

C: Matching Game

Work in pairs. Match the movie lines to their movies. Then take turns with your partner acting out some of the lines. Have fun.

Movie Lines

1. *'Play it again, Sam.'*
2. *'Show me the money!'*
3. *'Hasta la vista, baby!'*
4. *'Go ahead, make my day.'*
5. *'Life is like a box of chocolates.'*
6. *'Houston, we have a problem.'*
7. *'ET, phone home!'*
8. *'May the Force be with you.'*
9. *'Love means never having to say you're sorry.'*
10. *'The truth! You want the truth? You can't HANDLE the truth!'*
11. *'I'll never let go. I'll never let go, Jack.'*
12. *'I'll be back.'*

Movies

- a. A Few Good Men
- b. Apollo 13
- c. Casablanca
- d. ET - the Extra Terrestrial
- e. Forest Gump
- f. Jerry McGuire
- g. Love Story
- h. Star Wars
- i. Sudden Impact
- j. Terminator 2: Judgment Day
- k. The Terminator
- l. Titanic



TEACHERS' NOTES AND ANSWER KEY

Pre-Reading Activities

B: Predicting - Notes

2. Do this as a class discussion to try to elicit as many ideas as possible.

B: Predicting - Answers

1. MOVIEOKE
2. Answers will vary.

Reading Activities

A: Skimming - Answer

Movieoke is similar to Karaoke except that people read the lines from a movie rather than sing the words of a song.

B: Comprehension - Answers

1. The Den of Cin.
2. It's in a basement space.
3. New York City.
4. A pizza parlor and a video store.
5. Anastasia Fite.
6. No, they're not. They often make mistakes.

C: Check Your Understanding - Answers

1. First, a performer chooses a scene from a movie.
2. Then, the scene is projected onto a big screen.
3. While everyone in the audience can see the scene, the Movieoke performers look at a monitor which shows the scene and subtitles.
4. Finally, the performers say the lines.

D: True, False or Not Given - Answers

1. F (Most people are in their mid-20s.)
2. T
3. F (She is from Los Angeles.)
4. F (She got the idea from a film she made.)
5. NG
6. T

E: Guessing By The Context - Answers

1. b, 2. a, 3. c, 4. c.

F: Summarizing - Read the Following Text Aloud to Students

The Den of Cin in New York is the hot spot for a new kind of entertainment: Movieoke. Movieoke is similar to Karaoke except that instead of singing songs, people say the lines from movies. The inventor of Movieoke, Anastasia Fite, got the idea after making a short film about a girl who talked only in movie dialogue. Patrons choose movie scenes from a large selection of videos at the video store above the Den of Cin. The scene is projected onto a large screen and monitor. The performers use a microphone to read subtitled dialogues. Fite suggests that people do not take themselves very seriously and just enjoy the experience.

F: Summarizing - Answers

The Den of Cin in Los Angeles (New York) is the hot spot for a new kind of entertainment: Movieoke. Movieoke is similar to Karaoke except that instead of singing songs, people sing (say) the lines from movies. The inventor of Movieoke, Anastasia Fite, got the idea after watching (making) a short film about a boy (girl) who talked only in movie dialogue. Patrons choose movie scenes from a large selection of videos at the Den of Cin (the video store above the Den of Cin). The scene is projected onto a large screen and monitor. The performers use a megaphone (microphone) to read subtitled dialogues. Fite suggests that people (do not) take themselves very seriously and just enjoy the experience.

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language - Interview - Answers

Part One: 1. the, 2. the, 3. the, 4. the, 5. the, 6. a, 7. the, 8. the, 9. a, 10. an, 11. an, 12. a.

Part Two

1. At Disneyland.
2. At Disneyland your performance is recorded once for you to watch. You cannot record your performance with Movieoke.
3. Bambi, The Jungle Book.
4. Yes, because everyone can have fun even if they're not good actors.
5. A Movieoke machine.

B: Survey - Notes

Give each student in the class one of the questions below. If you have more than 12 students, a pair of students could work together to ask the question. If you have fewer than 12, it does not matter if you do not use all the questions. Make sure students understand the question they are asking so they can explain it to other students. This activity could take quite a while, but if you prefer, set a time limit and ask students to stop after the time is up.

Ask students to collate their results. They need to record other students' answers for their question. They can then write a sentence describing what they learned. e.g. All of the students in our class think Movieoke is better than Karaoke. Circulate and correct sentences or highlight errors and ask students to try and edit their own work with a partner.

Then ask each student to report what they learned to the class. Here are some different ways of doing this:

- You could nominate a student (who listens as each student dictates their sentence) to write the sentences on the board.
- Students could all write their sentences on OHP transparencies which everyone then gets a chance to read.
- Students could write their sentences in large writing on pieces of paper which they stick to the walls for the others to read.
- Students stand and read their sentences to the class who may comment if they wish.

B: Survey - Questions To Be Given To Students

When you were young, did you enjoy performing in front of large groups of people you did not know?

Do you enjoy performing in front of large audiences?

Do you sing anywhere other than in the shower? If yes, where (e.g. at Karaoke bars, at church, in a choir, etc.)?

Would you prefer to be a famous actor or a famous singer?

Who is your favorite singer?

Who is your favorite actor?

Which performing art do you prefer to watch: singing, acting or dancing?

Have you ever done Karaoke? If yes, did you enjoy it?

Do you want to try Movieoke?

Which do you think you'd prefer: Karaoke or Movieoke?

What is your favorite movie line?

What is your favorite type of movie: comedy, romance, drama, suspense, science fiction, or horror?

C: Matching Game - Notes

When pairs have finished acting out their lines, pick a few students to perform in front of the class.

C: Matching Game - Answers

1. c, 2. f, 3. j, 4. i, 5. e, 6. b, 7. d, 8. h, 9. g, 10. a, 11. l, 12. k.

