

Pre-Intermediate 2
Unit 5: Dialog
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A Terrific Book

terrific = excellent, fantastic, cool, great, marvelous, wonderful, awesome

Ben and Alan are talking about a novel whose released movie has been on at the theaters.

novel = a long story

release = publish

on = on the screen

theater = movie theater, cinema

Ben: This novel looks interesting.

Alan: Oh, it is. It's about a guy who saved the lives of many people.

interesting ≠ boring

look = seem, appear, sound

guy = person

guy (American) → **chap** (British)

life + s = lives /ai/

➤ *Hundreds of lives were threatened when the building collapsed.*

live + s = lives /I/

➤ *Jack lives in New York City.*

Ben: Hmm. Maybe I'll read it.

Alan: Well, the movie is even better.

maybe = perhaps

Maybe I'll read it. = I may read it.

movie (American) → **film** (British)

better ≠ worse

Ben: Oh, is that the movie that is directed by Spielberg?

Alan: Yeah, why don't you rent the video?

Is **that** the movie **that** is directed by Spielberg? = Is **that** the movie **that** Spielberg has directed?

that ≠ this

that = **which** (used after some verbs, adjectives and nouns to introduce a new part of the sentence)

that is directed by Spielberg = *that Spielberg has directed*

direct = manage

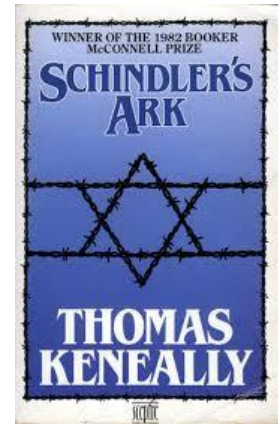
rent = hire



Stephen Spielberg
American Movie Director



Thomas Keneally
Australian Writer



The Novel

Ben and Alan are talking about *Schindler's List*.

Schindler's List is a movie directed by Stephen Spielberg.

In this movie, a businessman named Oskar Schindler saves the lives of 1000 Jewish people during World War II.

Jew = a believer in Judaism

Jewish = believing in Judaism

The movie *Schindler's List* is an adaptation of the novel *Schindler's Ark*.

adaptation = a film, television drama or play that is based on a particular book or play

Thomas Keneally wrote the novel *Schindler's Ark*.

Thomas Keneally is an Australian writer and novelist.

Ben: You don't mind seeing it again?

Alan: Not at all. It is worth seeing twice.

mind = to be upset, annoyed or worried by something

- *I hope you don't mind the noise.*
- *You don't mind lending your pen to me?*

You don't mind seeing it again? = Is there a problem if you see it again?

Not at all = not even a bit

Alan doesn't mind seeing the movie again. = Alan doesn't worry about seeing the movie again.

be worth doing sth = doing sth is useful and recommended

- *This book is worth reading.* = It is good to read this book.
- *This movie is worth seeing twice.* = It is good to see this movie twice.
- *This idea is worth considering.* = It is good to consider this idea.

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Sample Summary:

Ben and Alan are discussing a novel. It is about a hero who saved many lives. Alan mentions that the movie version, directed by Spielberg, is even better and worth watching. He suggests that Ben should rent the video. Ben asks if Alan minds watching it again. Alan says he doesn't mind and would happily see it twice.

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