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**Lesson 13**

**Summarize a Movie**

**1. Vocabulary for Summarizing a Movie**

**Basic Structure for Summarizing**

* **Title and Genre**
  + "The movie is called [Movie Title]. It’s a [genre] film."
  + "It’s a [comedy, action, drama, thriller, horror, romance, etc.] movie."
* **Plot Overview**
  + "The story is about..."
  + "The movie follows the journey of..."
  + "The main character is [Name], who [describe what they do]."
  + "The movie takes place in [location/time period]."
  + "The plot revolves around [key event or conflict]."
* **Main Characters**
  + "The main character is [Name]."
  + "The protagonist is [Name], a [describe their role or personality]."
  + "The antagonist is [Name], who tries to [describe their goal]."
* **Setting**
  + "The movie is set in [place] / during [time period]."
  + "It takes place in a [city, village, desert, school, etc.]."
* **Themes and Tone**
  + "The movie explores themes of [love, friendship, betrayal, etc.]."
  + "The movie has a [dramatic, suspenseful, light-hearted, sad] tone."
* **Conclusion/Ending**
  + "The movie ends with..."
  + "In the final scene, [event or character action]."
  + "The ending is [happy, tragic, unexpected]."

**2. Steps for Summarizing a Movie**

Follow these steps to help students summarize a movie effectively:

**Step 1: Introduction**

* Start by stating the title and genre of the movie.
  + Example: "The movie I’m going to summarize is called *Inception*. It’s a science fiction thriller directed by Christopher Nolan."

**Step 2: Brief Plot Overview**

* Provide a brief overview of the plot without giving away too many details or spoilers. Focus on the key events.
  + Example: "The movie is about a skilled thief named Dom Cobb, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, who is hired to perform ‘extraction’—stealing secrets from a person’s subconscious. However, he’s given a seemingly impossible task: ‘inception,’ planting an idea in someone’s mind instead of stealing one."

**Step 3: Describe the Main Characters**

* Mention the main character(s), their role, and their goals.
  + Example: "Dom Cobb is the protagonist. His goal is to return to his children after being accused of a crime he didn’t commit. The antagonist is Robert Fischer, whose mind is the target for the inception."

**Step 4: Setting and Context**

* Describe where and when the movie takes place.
  + Example: "The movie takes place in various dream worlds and in real-life cities around the globe, creating an atmosphere of mystery and danger."

**Step 5: Themes and Tone**

* Talk briefly about the themes and tone of the movie.
  + Example: "The movie explores the themes of memory, guilt, and reality. The tone is tense and suspenseful throughout, with many plot twists."

**Step 6: Conclusion/Ending**

* Finish with the conclusion of the movie, without spoiling too much.
  + Example: "In the end, Cobb finally completes the mission, but the movie leaves the question of whether he is still dreaming or if he is in reality. The ending is open to interpretation."

**3. Example Movie Summary**

**Movie:** *The Lion King*

**Summary:** The movie is called *The Lion King*. It’s an animated adventure film produced by Disney. The story follows a young lion named Simba, who is destined to become king. However, after the tragic death of his father, Mufasa, Simba runs away in shame, believing he is responsible. As he grows up in exile, he befriends Timon and Pumbaa, two carefree animals, and learns important life lessons. Simba eventually returns to reclaim his place as king, facing his uncle Scar, who betrayed his family. The movie is set in the African savanna and has a tone of adventure, drama, and triumph. The movie explores themes of responsibility, family, and courage. It ends with Simba defeating Scar and becoming the rightful king, restoring peace to the Pride Lands.