

ACTIVITY 12

A01

SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS,
INTERPRETATION

▼ LANGUAGE USED IN REVIEWS

Copy and complete the following table, finding examples of language used in the review that correspond with the categories in the first column. Then, using your examples, answer the questions.

▼ POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT...	▼ EXAMPLES FROM THE TEXT
the director/screenplay	
the audience reaction	
the acting	

- Explain two aspects of the film that the writer finds engaging.
- How does the writer build up or communicate his positive feelings about the film?

REFERENCE BOOKS AND WEBSITES

Reference books and websites are designed to be consulted, not read all the way through. They usually consist of a large number of articles, sometimes on a great variety of topics. Some reference books offer an overview of all knowledge, such as the famous *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Other reference books have a much more specialised range – there are thousands of reference books covering every academic discipline and field of knowledge.

Read the following extracts from *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, considering how the writing style differs from the other types of non-fiction writing that you have encountered so far.

▼ 'ACQUISITION AND RECORDING OF INFORMATION IN DIGITAL FORM' FROM *ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA*

The versatility of modern information systems stems from their ability to represent information electronically as digital signals and to manipulate it automatically at exceedingly high speeds. Information is stored in binary devices, which are the basic components of digital technology. Because these devices exist only in one of two states, information is represented in them either as the absence or the presence of energy (electric pulse). The two states of binary devices are conveniently designated by the binary digits, or bits, zero (0) and one (1).