

Task: Movie/Play

Approach: One to one
Focus: Expressing ideas/opinions, discussing
Resources: None

Year: 4 & 8

Questions / instructions:

In this activity you will be telling me about a movie or play you have seen. You might have seen it at school, at home, in a theatre, on TV, video or a DVD.

I want you to briefly sum up what the movie or play was about. Tell me how it starts off, what happens, and how it finishes. Remember that you are giving me a summary, so don't tell me everything about it.

Have some time to think about the movie or play you will be telling me about.

Allow a few minutes for thinking.

1. Do you remember the name of the movie/play?

	y4	y8
name clearly given	91	93
unsure/unclear of name	7	5

2. Now tell me about the movie/play, so that I get a good idea of what it is all about.

Allow time.

Quality of picture presented about what the play/movie was about:

	y4	y8
very good/excellent	5	19
good	23	34
moderately good	49	32
poor	23	15

3. On a scale of one to ten, with one being the worst and ten the best, how would you rate the movie/play?

Rating of movie/play:	y4	y8
high (8-10)	76	70
medium (4-7)	19	29
low (1-3)	1	1
no clear rating	4	0

4. Why did you give it that rating?

Justification of rating given:	y4	y8
strong	9	20
moderate	35	44
weak	56	36

5. Who do you think might enjoy the movie/play?

specific person/s or types of persons identified	y4	y8
	90	93

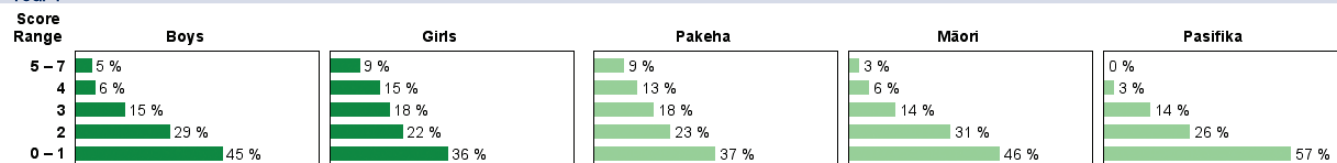
6. Why might they enjoy it?

Justification given:	y4	y8
(extent to which characteristics of people and movie/play connected)		
strong	5	14
moderate	33	51
weak	62	35

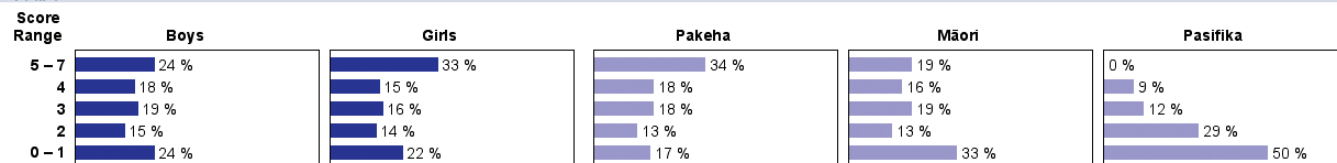
Total score:	y4	y8
5-7	7	28
4	10	17
3	17	18
2	25	14
0-1	41	23

Subgroup Analyses:

Year 4



Year 8



Commentary:

A complication with this task was that some students chose a multi-episode TV show rather than a single movie or play. This made it harder for them to reach high scores. Most students named a movie, play or series which they rated highly, but had a harder time describing it and justifying their enthusiasm. High proportions of Pasifika students, notably at year 8 level, had low scores.