Unit 2: A Movie Review

Level 3

Reading: This is a must-see movie!

In the movie, *The Biggest Mistake*, an **ordinary** man finds himself in an **extraordinary** situation where life gives him the opportunity to choose and correct any one of his mistakes of the past. As he **ponders** on his **numerous** blunders in childhood, in his teen years, and in his young adult and middle-aged life, he struggles with what might be the most momentous decision he will ever have to make. However, will fixing what he **perceives** to be his biggest mistake turn out to be an even bigger one? The movie stirs the heart **evoking** every emotion as it **elicits** laughs one moment and tears the next.

Key Words

ordinary – average, normal	**extraordinary** – unusual
ponder – to think for a long time	**numerous** – many
perceive – to see	**evoke** – bring out, produce
elicit – bring out	

Conversation

That movie was superb in every way. It really brought out my emotions.	
	I didn't particularly like it.
I thought the acting was brilliant, and the plot captured my attention all the way through. What was it about the movie you didn't like?	
	The movie was almost entirely focused on making poor judgement and continual mistakes, which only succeeded in making me think about my past mistakes!
Well, I'm sure you must have understood the basic theme, didn't you?	
	I suppose so. Mistakes may appear to be horrendous problems for a time, but the lessons learned may make possible some of the most significant and precious moments in your life.
Absolutely. It's quite impossible to learn anything unless we are willing to make a few mistakes.	
	Wow! I've made so many mistakes that I must be quite smart by now!

Useful Phrases for Further Conversation

I thought the movie ___ was ___.	(name of movie, about ___) (through-provoking, awful)
Have you seen it? It was ___	(the one with ___, directed by ___)
and I really	(appreciated, resented)
the way it	(pulled the audience in, insulted the audience's intelligence).