

# Movie Ratings



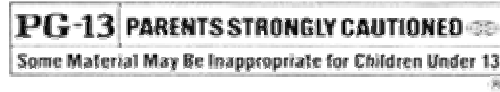
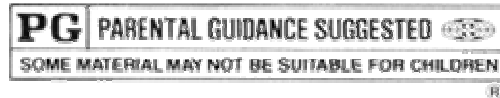
## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What are movie ratings?
- What are some of the ratings?

### Definitions:

- Profanity – offensive, vulgar language; swear words



## Reading

18 Alex is 10 years old and in fourth grade. Some of his friends went to the movie “Friday  
37 Night Lights” last weekend. His friends told him it was a great show! Alex really wants to see the  
38 movie.

38 “Friday Night Lights” is rated PG-13. His parents usually do not let him watch PG-13  
55 movies. A PG-13 rating means the movie may not be good for children under age 13. Violence,  
73 profanity, drug use and sexual behavior are found in most PG-13 movies.

86 Mom and dad do let Alex watch G and PG movies. A G rating means the movie is for  
105 general audiences of all ages. A PG rating means that parental guidance is suggested. Parents  
120 need to decide if a PG rated movie is a good one for their child to watch. Some PG rated movies  
141 may seem okay, while others may not.

148 Parents should watch PG movies with their children. They can then discuss both the good  
163 and bad activity in the movie. They can ask each other questions about the content of the movie.  
181 A PG movie may not be good for younger children.

191 Alex talked with his mom and dad about wanting to see the movie. They decided to do  
208 some research on the movie. They went to [www.mediafamily.org](http://www.mediafamily.org) on the internet. The website had  
224 information about movies, videos, TV programs, and video games.

233 It provided helpful information about “Friday Night Lights”. There was a summary of the  
147 movie and ratings of how much violence, sex, and profanity was in it. Due to the content of the  
266 movie, the website **recommended** it for ages 15 and older. Alex’s parents **determined** the movie  
280 was not a good one for Alex.

289 Alex was disappointed. Mom and dad took Alex to the library to check-out a movie. Alex  
306 found one he was interested in watching. Mom and dad were comfortable with the PG rating.  
322 They all had a nice evening watching the movie together.

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