

blockbuster**block·bust·er** [**blockbuster** **blockbusters**] *BrE* ['blɒkbʌstə(r)]^u *NAmE*['blɒkˌbʌstər^u noun (informal)

something very successful, especially a very successful book or film/movie

- a Hollywood blockbuster

[Derived Word](#) ↑[blockbusting](#)

Word Origin:1940s (denoting a huge aerial bomb capable of destroying a whole block of streets): from ↑[block](#) + ↑[buster](#).**blockbuster**

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block·bust·er /'blɒkˌbʌstə \$ 'blɒkˌbʌstə/ *BrE*^u *AmE*^u noun [countable]*informal* a book or film that is very good or successful:

the latest Hollywood blockbuster

—[blockbusting](#) *adjective*

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THESAURUS

- **film** *especially British English*, **movie** *especially American English* a series of images that tell a story and are shown in a cinema or on television: What's your favourite movie? | It won the award for best foreign film. | a made-for-TV movie
- **motion picture** *formal (also picture)* a film – used especially by people who make films or by critics: a major Hollywood motion picture | Tell us about your latest picture.
- **blockbuster** *informal* a very successful film: Steven Spielberg's latest Hollywood blockbuster
- **flick** *informal* a film – a very informal use: an action flick
- **documentary** a film that gives detailed information and facts about a particular subject: a documentary on the rain forest
- **feature film** a film made to be shown in cinemas: The book was later made into a full-length feature film starring Sean Penn.
- **comedy** a film intended to make people laugh: Monroe appeared in a number of comedies.
- **romantic comedy** (*also romcom* *British English informal*) a film about two people who are in love, which is intended to make the people who watch it feel happy: 'Notting Hill' is a romantic comedy starring Julia Roberts and Hugh Grant.
- **thriller** an exciting film, especially about murder or serious crimes: 'The Birds' is a classic Hitchcock thriller.
- **film noir** a film that shows strong feelings of fear or evil and whose characters are often immoral, or these films in general: 'The Big Sleep' is a classic Hollywood film noir.
- **action film/movie** a film that has lots of fighting, explosions etc: Stallone's latest action movie
- **horror film/movie** a frightening film about ghosts, murders etc: She loves watching old horror movies.
- **western** a film with cowboys in it: John Wayne is famous for making westerns.
- **science fiction film/movie** (*also sci-fi film/movie informal*) a film about imaginary events in the future or in outer space: '2001' is probably the most famous sci-fi movie ever made.
- **gangster film/movie** a film about violent criminals
- **silent film/movie** an old film without any sound: The 1920s were the golden age of silent movies.
- **an independent film/movie** a film made by a small film company
- **animated film/movie/cartoon** a film with characters that are drawn or made using a computer: One of his first animated films was 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.
- **anime** /'æniːmeɪ, -mə/ a type of Japanese animated film, which often has a science fiction story: Miyazaki's anime film 'Spirited Away' became an international success. | an anime character
- **CGI** the use of computers to create characters and images in a film: The film uses CGI. | Disney's latest CGI movie
- **short** a short film, usually shown before a longer movie in the cinema: an animated short
- **trailer** a series of short scenes from a film or programme, shown in order to advertise it in a cinema, on television etc: We had to sit through all the trailers.

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