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How do you feel about reading subtitles on foreign films?

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Sample 1: It took me a long time to get used to reading subtitles because, for many years, my country dubbed all foreign language films into our language. It is only recently that cinemas have used subtitles a lot more. So now I am used to them and it makes no difference to my enjoyment whether films are dubbed or have subtitles. In the past, some of the dubbing has been poor quality and has destroyed my enjoyment of a film. So now I am quite comfortable with subtitling.

This response is good because there is some explanation about how the speaker came to like subtitling in films. Always offer reasons and examples, if you can

Sample 2: I like subtitles because I can learn useful words and expressions in English by reading the translations in my own language. When I was learning English, I sometimes watched DVDs at home with the subtitles on and wrote down some of the language in a notebook. It was a quick way to pick up new words. However, I realized that some of the words I had learnt were not translated correctly so I made many mistakes but that happens all the time, anyway.

Although there is not much detail about how the speaker feels about subtitles, the response is good because he tells a short story explaining how useful subtitles can be.