

Christmas film choice sheet

Compare one, two or three films for this evening. Check the essentials first, then choose from the films that fit.

Keep your family's notes on your own copy. Do not submit them to this website. Names and personal history are not needed.

1. Fill in your evening's limits, then use one column for each exact copy you are considering. Leave unused columns blank.
2. Check the listing first. With access you already have, privately test required tracks on the actual viewing device and in the mode you will use. Do not buy a film or begin a timed rental just to check its tracks.
3. For each required option, copy the exact label and mark Confirmed, Unconfirmed or Unavailable. Write Not needed for an option you do not require. A blank essential field is unconfirmed.
4. A failed requirement means Save for another time. Otherwise, an unresolved essential means Check first. Use Fits tonight only when every essential is confirmed and you find the content acceptable. Do not add up a suitability score.

Our evening

Viewing date

Province or territory, if in Canada

Desired finish time

Minutes reserved for getting settled, breaks and expected adverts

Required spoken language or regional version

Required captions / SDH and language, or Not needed

Content concerns for our family (optional, private)

Viewing country

Start time

Total minutes between start and desired finish

Film budget in minutes: finish time minus start time minus reserved minutes

Required subtitle language, or Not needed

Required audio description and language, or Not needed

Any other requirement for this evening

Compare the exact copies

Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C
Title, release year and exact version / cut Provider or disc; viewing country / province; listing link or package reference Household access confirmed? Any charge checked before commitment? Running time in minutes for this copy; fits the budget? BBFC age rating and content advice, or provider information; source and country covered Content note that matters to us; acceptable for tonight? Content-information link and date checked 	Title, release year and exact version / cut Provider or disc; viewing country / province; listing link or package reference Household access confirmed? Any charge checked before commitment? Running time in minutes for this copy; fits the budget? BBFC age rating and content advice, or provider information; source and country covered Content note that matters to us; acceptable for tonight? Content-information link and date checked 	Title, release year and exact version / cut Provider or disc; viewing country / province; listing link or package reference Household access confirmed? Any charge checked before commitment? Running time in minutes for this copy; fits the budget? BBFC age rating and content advice, or provider information; source and country covered Content note that matters to us; acceptable for tonight? Content-information link and date checked

Compare the exact copies

Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C
Spoken audio: exact label shown and status	Spoken audio: exact label shown and status	Spoken audio: exact label shown and status
Subtitles: exact language / label and status, or Not needed	Subtitles: exact language / label and status, or Not needed	Subtitles: exact language / label and status, or Not needed
Captions / SDH: exact language / label and status, or Not needed	Captions / SDH: exact language / label and status, or Not needed	Captions / SDH: exact language / label and status, or Not needed
Audio description: exact language / label and status, or Not needed	Audio description: exact language / label and status, or Not needed	Audio description: exact language / label and status, or Not needed
Actual device and mode: streaming, download or disc	Actual device and mode: streaming, download or disc	Actual device and mode: streaming, download or disc
Listing only or short private playback test with existing access? Date checked	Listing only or short private playback test with existing access? Date checked	Listing only or short private playback test with existing access? Date checked
Decision and one-line reason	Decision and one-line reason	Decision and one-line reason
Optional verified pause scene and approximate time for this exact version; otherwise leave blank	Optional verified pause scene and approximate time for this exact version; otherwise leave blank	Optional verified pause scene and approximate time for this exact version; otherwise leave blank
Private family note (optional)	Private family note (optional)	Private family note (optional)

How to decide

Fits tonight Running time fits; access and all required tracks are confirmed; the content has been reviewed and is acceptable for our family tonight. _____	Check first No known requirement has failed, but an essential is still unconfirmed. A blank essential does not count as confirmation. _____	Save for another time At least one known requirement fails for tonight. Other strengths do not cancel it out. _____
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Our plan

First choice _____ _____	Backup (optional) _____ _____
Planned finish _____ _____	Optional pause: verified scene cue and approximate time for this exact version; otherwise leave blank _____ _____
Our agreement about pausing, stopping or switching _____ _____	Final decision _____ _____
Reason for our choice _____ _____	

Anyone can ask to pause or stop. If no film fits, choose a shorter option you have already checked or do something else together. A planned pause does not remove unwanted content.

Fictional worked example

These are invented numbers, not real film recommendations.

6.30 pm to 8.15 pm = 105 minutes. Reserve 15 minutes. Film budget = 90 minutes.

Candidate	Running time	Decision	Reason
Candidate A	86 minutes	Check first	Required spoken audio is unconfirmed.
Candidate B	102 minutes	Save for another time	Running time exceeds the 90-minute budget.
Candidate C	78 minutes	Fits tonight	Access and all required tracks are confirmed; the family finds the content acceptable.

An exact 90-minute running time would fit this budget, with no room beyond the reserved allowance. An unknown running time needs checking.

Sources and lookup help

Source guidance checked 28 September 2026

- [BBFC: Age ratings, content advice and film search](#)
- [Apple: Check accessibility features](#)
- [Apple: Change subtitles or languages](#)
- [Netflix: Audio and subtitle language availability](#)

A rating and completed sheet inform your family's choice; they do not guarantee suitability. Verify the exact version and available options for your household.