

Christmas movie choice sheet

Compare one, two, or three movies for this evening. Confirm the essentials first, then choose among the movies that fit.

Keep your family 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 candidate column for each exact movie copy you are considering. Unused columns can stay 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 movie 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 when an option is not required. A blank essential field is unconfirmed.
4. A known failed requirement means Save for another time. Otherwise, any unresolved essential means Check first. Use Fits tonight only when every essential is confirmed. Do not add up a suitability score.

Our evening

Viewing date

Viewing country

Province or territory, if in Canada

Start time

Desired finish time

Total minutes between start and desired finish

Minutes reserved for setup, breaks, and expected ads

Movie budget in minutes: finish minus start minus reserved minutes

Required spoken language or regional version

Required subtitle language, or Not needed

Required captions / SDH and language, or Not needed

Required audio description and language, or Not needed

Content concerns for our family (optional, private)

Any other requirement for this evening

Compare the exact copies

Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C
Title, release year, and exact version / cut	Title, release year, and exact version / cut	Title, release year, and exact version / cut
Provider or disc; viewing country / province; listing link or package reference	Provider or disc; viewing country / province; listing link or package reference	Provider or disc; viewing country / province; listing link or package reference
Household access confirmed? Any charge checked before commitment?	Household access confirmed? Any charge checked before commitment?	Household access confirmed? Any charge checked before commitment?
Runtime in minutes for this copy; fits the budget?	Runtime in minutes for this copy; fits the budget?	Runtime in minutes for this copy; fits the budget?
Rating or content-information source and jurisdiction	Rating or content-information source and jurisdiction	Rating or content-information source and jurisdiction
Content note that matters to us; acceptable for tonight?	Content note that matters to us; acceptable for tonight?	Content note that matters to us; acceptable for tonight?
Content-information link and date checked	Content-information link and date checked	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 Runtime 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 candidate fits, choose an already-checked shorter option or another shared activity. A planned pause does not remove unwanted content.

Fictional worked example

These are invented numbers, not real movie recommendations.

6:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. = 105 minutes. Reserve 15 minutes. Movie budget = 90 minutes.

Candidate	Runtime	Decision	Reason
Candidate A	86 minutes	Check first	Required spoken audio is unconfirmed.
Candidate B	102 minutes	Save for another time	Runtime 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 runtime would fit this budget, with no room beyond the reserved allowance. An unknown runtime needs checking.

Sources and lookup help

Source guidance checked September 28, 2026

- [MPA: Ratings guide and movie 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.