

Taste

Reading

1 a Read the texts. Which is positive and which is negative?

FAST FOOD IN A FAST WORLD

This film is set in Canada. The story is about Julie (Jane Wild), a waitress who has a date with a doctor named Carl (Tom Payne). She doesn't know that Carl already has an ex-wife and some kids. He doesn't know that she has an identical twin. Fast Food in a Fast World doesn't have an exciting story or fast food. And it doesn't have any laughs. When Julie receives lots of money from a relative who dies, it is the happy ending to the story. But unfortunately, this is a poor quality movie.

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING

This is the story of 30-year-old Toula, who falls in love with Ian (Corbett). The only problem is that he's not Greek. According to the film, Greek women should get married (to Greek men), have lots of babies and feed lots of people. Will her family be happy if she marries a non-Greek? Maybe not. Will they accept her decision when they see that she is happy? The answer is yes and the rest of the film is about the wedding. It's not a great story but the film is very funny. The first hour, when we learn about the relationships in a Greek family, has some very good humour. My Big Fat Greek Wedding shows us a traditional wedding and at the same time talks about accepting people who are different from us.

b Mark the sentences true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Fast Food in a Fast World is a film about women doctors.
- 2 The story ends happily when Julie gets some unexpected money.
- 3 My Big Fat Greek Wedding is about a young Greek couple who get married.
- 4 It is a funny film, which talks about Greek family relationships.

c Find words or phrases in the texts which mean:

- 1 go to a restaurant or film, etc. with someone you like in a romantic way _____
- 2 informal word for children _____
- 3 US word for film _____
- 4 to say yes to something/to agree _____

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