Ratings exist to inform parents about the content of films, so that they can determine what movies are appropriate for their children to see and at what age. Here is a breakdown of the rating for the popular 2012 film *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*.

**RATING**
Every film is assigned a rating (G, PG, PG-13, R or NC-17) that indicates its level of content so parents may decide whether the movie is suitable for their children.

**RATING DEFINITION**
This language provides a more detailed explanation to parents of what the specific rating means.

**RATING DESCRIPTORS**
This language is unique to each film to convey the elements that caused it to receive its rating.