

Name of new Star Wars movie announced

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There is good news for fans of the Star Wars movies. There will be another episode. It will be the ninth film to be made. The name of the new Star Wars movie was announced in Chicago. It is called "The Rise of

Skywalker". There is a two-minute trailer of the movie for people to watch. The trailer is now on YouTube. It gives people a taste of what the new movie will be like. The trailer was first posted on Twitter, with the words: "Every generation has a legend." The new film will have an all-star cast. Actor Mark Hamill will play Luke Skywalker, and the late Carrie Fisher will play Princess Leia. Fisher died in 2016, but the filmmakers were able to use previously unseen footage from the movie "The Force Awakens".

The Star Wars movies are among the most successful films ever made. The first one was released in 1977 and was made by the film-maker George Lucas. Over forty years later, they are still hugely popular. Lucas' company Lucasfilm made the first six movies. Disney bought the company in 2012 for just over \$4 billion. In 2018, the total value of the Star Wars franchise was estimated to be around \$65 billion. Film critic Roger Ebert said the first Star Wars movie changed Hollywood and influenced how movies were made for decades after. The original Star Wars movie began a new generation of films that used a lot of special effects and high-energy action scenes.

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Writing

All movies should be about real life. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

good news / fans / Star Wars / movie / trailer / generation / legend / cast / filmmaker / successful / popular / value / film critic / Hollywood / decade / special effects / action

True / False

- a) The article says there is good news for Star Wars fans. T / F
- b) The next Star Wars movie will be number eight in the series. T / F
- c) There is a 90-second trailer of the movie on YouTube. T / F
- d) The new movie contains scenes from three other Star Wars movies. T / F
- e) The first Star Wars movie was released over 40 years ago. T / F
- f) Disney bought the makers of Star Wars for \$4 billion in 2012. T / F
- g) The Star Wars franchise is thought to be worth nearly \$20 billion now. T / F
- h) The first Star Wars movie started a focus in movies on special effects. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. fans | a. brought out |
| 2. episode | b. flavor |
| 3. announced | c. crop |
| 4. taste | d. judged |
| 5. legend | e. chapter |
| 6. released | f. affected |
| 7. hugely | g. followers |
| 8. estimated | h. extremely |
| 9. influenced | i. star |
| 10. generation | j. made public |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of the Star Wars movies?
- b) Do you have a favorite Star Wars movie?
- c) What do you think of science fiction movies?
- d) Do you like movie trailers?
- e) Who is the legend of your generation?
- f) Who is your favourite actor and why?
- g) What do you think of there being nine Star Wars movies?
- h) What do you think of the name of the new movie?

Phrase Match

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| 1. There is good news for fans | a. in 1977 |
| 2. It will be the ninth film to | b. footage from the movie |
| 3. There is a two-minute | c. effects |
| 4. The new film will have an | d. films ever made |
| 5. previously unseen | e. trailer of the movie |
| 6. among the most successful | f. hugely popular |
| 7. The first one was released | g. of the Star Wars movies |
| 8. Over forty years later, they are still | h. around \$65 billion |
| 9. estimated to be | i. all-star cast |
| 10. films that used a lot of special | j. be made |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Why are the Star Wars movies so popular?
- How many more Star Wars movies do you think there will be?
- What do you think of Disney?
- What do you know about Hollywood?
- Do you like movies with lots of special effects?
- Do you prefer science fiction films or real-life films?
- What questions would you like to ask the movie producers?

Spelling

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- Every generation has a lgdnee
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- the Star Wars airshfcnc
- movies were made for dceased after
- a lot of special ftecsfe

Answers – Synonym Match

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6. a	7. h	8. d	9. f	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Science Fiction

You think science fiction is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, a love story or comedy.

Role B – Horror

You think horror is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): science fiction, a love story or comedy.

Role C – Love Story

You think a love story is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, science fiction or comedy.

Role D – Comedy

You think comedy is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horror, a love story or science fiction.

Speaking – Movies

Rank these with your partner. Put the best kinds of movies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • horror | • science fiction |
| • love story | • comedy |
| • action | • animation |
| • biography | • spy movie |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.