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## **Level 3**

# **The Force Awakens breaks ticket records**

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# THE ARTICLE

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'The Force Awakens' is the seventh movie to be released in the Star Wars franchise. Disney released the film's latest trailer on Monday night and it soon went viral worldwide. Many top international news stations covered the story in their prime time news bulletins. The trailer currently has 13 million views on YouTube and this number is likely to get a lot bigger. Box office analyst Phil Contrino said the movie could also break box office records when it opens. It is possible it will be the highest earning movie ever made. Mr Contrino said: "The Force Awakens will hit \$1 billion without blinking. If it's really good, it could cross \$2 billion." Star Wars fans will be happy to know that plans are already in place for Star Wars VIII and IX.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. STAR WARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Star Wars. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*Star Wars / cinemas / online / tickets / visitors / crashed / apologise / record / debut / franchise / Disney / viral / worldwide / prime time news / box office / blinking*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MOVIE THEATRES:** How can they be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How can this be better?	What's it like at your local cinema?
Tickets		
Location		
Screen		
Refreshments		
Seats		
Movies		

**4. AT HOME:** Students A **strongly** believe watching movies at home is better than watching movies in a cinema; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. GENRES:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- thrillers
- science fiction
- animation
- romance
- horror
- action
- fantasy
- war

**6. TICKETS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "tickets". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. The new Star Wars movie opens in cinemas early next year.               | T / F |
| b. Pre-sales tickets for the movie broke all records.                      | T / F |
| c. The website of an online ticket seller crashed because of the demand.   | T / F |
| d. A ticket seller sold eight times more tickets than the previous record. | T / F |
| e. "The Force Awakens" is the eighth Star Wars movie.                      | T / F |
| f. The movie's trailer has had 30 million views on YouTube.                | T / F |
| g. The article said the movie has made a lot of people blink.              | T / F |
| h. There are already plans to make the next two Star Wars movies.          | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. cinemas   | a. think          |
| 2. huge      | b. earlier        |
| 3. largest   | c. presently      |
| 4. previous  | d. launched       |
| 5. expect    | e. very big       |
| 6. released  | f. there          |
| 7. worldwide | g. movie theatres |
| 8. currently | h. followers      |
| 9. fans      | i. globally       |
| 10. in place | j. biggest        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. attracting huge            | a. times as many      |
| 2. we have already sold eight | b. box office records |
| 3. the previous               | c. on December 18     |
| 4. out of                     | d. worldwide          |
| 5. its debut                  | e. franchise          |
| 6. the Star Wars              | f. interest online    |
| 7. it soon went viral         | g. in place           |
| 8. prime time                 | h. this world         |
| 9. the movie could also break | i. news               |
| 10. plans are already         | j. record holder      |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

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*attracting*  
*crashed*  
*times*  
*world*  
*open*  
*debut*  
*broke*  
*previous*

'The Force Awakens' is the seventh movie to be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Star Wars franchise. Disney released the film's latest (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday night and it soon went (11) \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide. Many top international news stations covered the story in their prime time news bulletins. The trailer (12) \_\_\_\_\_ has 13 million views on YouTube and this number is (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to get a lot bigger. Box office analyst Phil Contrino said the movie could also break box office records when it opens. It is possible it will be the highest (14) \_\_\_\_\_ movie ever made. Mr Contrino said: "The Force Awakens will hit \$1 billion without (15) \_\_\_\_\_. If it's really good, it could cross \$2 billion." Star Wars fans will be happy to know that plans are already in (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for Star Wars VIII and IX.

*viral*  
*released*  
*likely*  
*earning*  
*trailer*  
*place*  
*currently*  
*blinking*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

- 1) The new Star Wars movie will not open in cinemas \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. until December
  - b. in till December
  - c. and tell December
  - d. ant ill December
- 2) 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' went on sale yesterday and broke \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. all ticket recordings
  - b. all ticket recorders
  - c. all ticket re-records
  - d. all ticket records
- 3) Fandango said it had so many visitors that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. its site crushed
  - b. its site crashed
  - c. its site crest
  - d. its site clashed
- 4) we have already sold eight times as many tickets as we did on the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. first day for sales
  - b. first day of sales
  - c. first day off sales
  - d. first day if sales
- 5) The enthusiasm for this year's most anticipated movie is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. out of that world
  - b. out of these world
  - c. out of this world
  - d. out of these worlds
- 6) 'The Force Awakens' is the seventh movie to be released in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Star Wars French fries
  - b. Star Wars franchise
  - c. Star Wars French rise
  - d. Star Wars French chairs
- 7) Disney released the film's latest trailer on Monday night and it soon \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. gone viral worldwide
  - b. went virus worldwide
  - c. went viral worldwide
  - d. gone virus worldwide
- 8) Many top international news stations covered the story in their prime \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. time news bullet tins
  - b. timed news bulletins
  - c. timed news bullet tins
  - d. time news bulletins
- 9) the movie could also break box office records \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. when it opens
  - b. when it openings
  - c. when it openers
  - d. when it opines
- 10) Star Wars fans will be happy to know that plans are already in place \_\_\_\_\_ and IX
  - a. from Star Wars VII
  - b. for Star Wars VII
  - c. from Star Wars VIII
  - d. for Star Wars VIII

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

1. When does the new Star Wars movie open in cinemas?

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2. What happened to the Fandango website?

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3. What did Fandango do to people?

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4. How many more tickets did Fandango sell than for the previous record?

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5. What did Fandango say enthusiasm for the movie was out of?

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6. Which company released the movie?

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7. Where did the movie go viral?

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8. How many YouTube views did it get?

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9. How much money did Phil Contrino say the movie could make?

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10. What are plans in place for?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

1. When does the new Star Wars movie open in cinemas?
  - a) February
  - b) December
  - c) January
  - d) March
2. What happened to the Fandango website?
  - a) Stormtroopers stole it
  - b) it got hacked
  - c) it disappeared
  - d) it crashed
3. What did Fandango do to people?
  - a) gave them free tickets
  - b) sent them to a galaxy far, far away
  - c) apologised to them
  - d) gave them Jedi Knight models
4. How many more tickets did Fandango sell than for the previous record?
  - a) 8 times more
  - b) 7 times more
  - c) 6 times more
  - d) 5 times more
5. What did Fandango say enthusiasm for the movie was out of?
  - a) order
  - b) this world
  - c) ten
  - d) jealousy
6. Which company released the movie?
  - a) Disney
  - b) Chewbacca Productions
  - c) Paramount Pictures
  - d) The Empire
7. Where did the movie go viral?
  - a) on a Star Destroyer
  - b) a cinema in Ohio, USA
  - c) worldwide
  - d) in the Galactic Empire
8. How many YouTube views did it get?
  - a) 13 million
  - b) 13 billion
  - c) 30 million
  - d) 30 billion
9. How much money did Phil Contrino say the movie could make?
  - a) \$5 billion
  - b) \$4 billion
  - c) \$3 billion
  - d) \$2 billion
10. What are plans in place for?
  - a) to make a real Jedi laser sword
  - b) a Star Wars amusement park
  - c) Star Wars VIII and IX
  - d) a real star wars

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

## **Role A – Science Fiction**

You think science fiction is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): romance, action or comedy.

## **Role B – Romance**

You think romance is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): science fiction, action or comedy.

## **Role C – Action**

You think action is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): romance, science fiction or comedy.

## **Role D – Comedy**

You think comedy is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): romance, action or science fiction.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'movie' and 'theatre'.

<b>movie</b>	<b>theatre</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• open</li><li>• sale</li><li>• crashed</li><li>• eight</li><li>• world</li><li>• 18</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• seventh</li><li>• night</li><li>• prime</li><li>• 13</li><li>• ever</li><li>• place</li></ul>
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# STAR WARS SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Star Wars in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# STAR WARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'movie'?
- 3) What do you think about the Star Wars movies?
- 4) What is your favourite movie?
- 5) What do you think of science fiction movies?
- 6) What do you like about movie theatres?
- 7) Is it better to watch a movie at home or at a cinema?
- 8) Would you like to watch the new Star Wars movie?
- 9) Why do people like movies?
- 10) What are the bad things about movies?

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# STAR WARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Could there be a real star wars one day?
- 13) What do you think of movie trailers?
- 14) What do you think of Disney?
- 15) Which Star Wars character would you like to be?
- 16) What do you think of all the merchandising that comes with a movie?
- 17) What do you think of movie prequels and sequels?
- 18) What does the term 'without blinking' in the article mean?
- 19) What will movies be like in the future?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the movie's producer?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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'The Force Awakens' is the seventh movie to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ released in the Star Wars franchise. Disney released the film's latest trailer on Monday night and it soon went (8) \_\_\_\_\_ worldwide. Many top international news stations covered the story in their (9) \_\_\_\_\_ time news bulletins. The trailer currently has 13 million views on YouTube and this number is likely to get a lot bigger. Box office analyst Phil Contrino said the movie could also break (10) \_\_\_\_\_ office records when it opens. It is possible it will be the highest earning movie (11) \_\_\_\_\_ made. Mr Contrino said: "The Force Awakens will hit \$1 billion without blinking. If it's really good, it could cross \$2 billion." Star Wars fans will be happy to know that plans are already in (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for Star Wars VIII and IX.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |             |             |              |              |
|-----|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) then    | (b) still   | (c) soon     | (d) until    |
| 2.  | (a) hugged  | (b) hugs    | (c) hug      | (d) huge     |
| 3.  | (a) snapped | (b) broke   | (c) ripped   | (d) tore     |
| 4.  | (a) crushed | (b) clashed | (c) crashed  | (d) squashed |
| 5.  | (a) gripper | (b) handler | (c) holder   | (d) shaker   |
| 6.  | (a) debut   | (b) stand   | (c) plug     | (d) outlet   |
| 7.  | (a) been    | (b) be      | (c) being    | (d) bring    |
| 8.  | (a) viral   | (b) varied  | (c) virulent | (d) virus    |
| 9.  | (a) average | (b) prime   | (c) excel    | (d) median   |
| 10. | (a) case    | (b) room    | (c) box      | (d) bag      |
| 11. | (a) never   | (b) every   | (c) ever     | (d) even     |
| 12. | (a) movie   | (b) can     | (c) format   | (d) place    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. it is already tratigctan huge interest online
2. It had to oisapeglo (UK) / zoogpiale (USA) to people
3. the oviuesrp record holder
4. this year's most titpiaaecnd movie
5. we ectpxe it to continue
6. its betdu on December 18

## Paragraph 2

7. the Star Wars nirachsfe
8. the film's latest tiarerl
9. it soon went viral rdwweiodl
10. The trailer nrctyluer has 13 million views
11. the highest eigrnan movie ever
12. without nkignbli



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1510/151023-star-wars-the-force-awakens.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) 'The Force Awakens' is the seventh movie to be released in the Star Wars franchise. Disney released the film's latest
- ( ) is likely to get a lot bigger. Box office analyst Phil Contrino said the movie could also break box
- ( ) records. In the USA, the nation's largest online ticket seller, Fandango, said it had so
- ( ) trailer on Monday night and it soon went viral worldwide. Many top international news stations covered the
- ( ) the site. A Fandango spokesperson said: "For Star Wars, we have already sold eight times as
- ( **1** ) The new Star Wars movie will not open in cinemas until December, but it is already attracting huge
- ( ) "The Force Awakens will hit \$1 billion without blinking. If it's really good, it could cross \$2 billion." Star Wars
- ( ) office records when it opens. It is possible it will be the highest earning movie ever made. Mr Contrino said:
- ( ) most anticipated movie is out of this world and we expect it to continue all the way to its debut on December 18."
- ( ) story in their prime time news bulletins. The trailer currently has 13 million views on YouTube and this number
- ( ) fans will be happy to know that plans are already in place for Star Wars VIII and IX.
- ( ) interest online. Pre-sales tickets for 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' went on sale yesterday and broke all ticket
- ( ) many visitors that its site crashed. It had to apologise to people who could not visit
- ( ) many tickets as we did on the first day of sales for the previous record holder." He added: "The enthusiasm for this year's

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. attracting already is It online interest huge .

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2. its so that crashed had visitors site It many .

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3. have eight many We sold as already times tickets .

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4. movie is out of this world This year's most anticipated .

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5. all continue to it expect We debut its to way the .

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6. movie seventh The franchise Wars Star the in release be to .

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7. the story in their prime time news News stations covered .

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8. movie office could records also break The box .

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9. earning made will highest ever It the movie be .

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10. that happy Fans in plans to will place are know be already .

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## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about Star Wars. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. STAR WARS: THE FORCE AWAKENS:** Make a poster about the new movie 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens'. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. STAR WARS:** Write a magazine article about Star Wars. Include imaginary interviews with people who love for and hate it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on Star Wars. Ask him/her three questions about Star Wars. Give him/her three of your ideas for the next movie. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d T    e F    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| 1. cinemas   | a. movie theatres |
| 2. huge      | b. very big       |
| 3. largest   | c. biggest        |
| 4. previous  | d. earlier        |
| 5. expect    | e. think          |
| 6. released  | f. launched       |
| 7. worldwide | g. globally       |
| 8. currently | h. presently      |
| 9. fans      | i. followers      |
| 10. in place | j. there          |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. December
2. It crashed
3. Apologise
4. Eight times more
5. This world
6. Disney
7. Worldwide
8. 13 million
9. \$2 billion
10. Star Wars VIII and IX

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)