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**Level 1 – 2nd June, 2022**

## **Tom Cruise's "Top Gun: Maverick" breaks records**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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Tom Cruise's new film has broken sales records. The biggest ever number of North American movie theatres showed "Top Gun: Maverick". Over 4,700 cinemas in the USA and Canada showed it. It's the widest release of all time. The movie also broke the record for the best Memorial Day opening film in history. It beat Johnny Depp's 2007 movie "Pirates of the Caribbean". Maverick also gave Tom Cruise his first ever \$100 million opening weekend.

Maverick is the sequel to the 1986 film "Top Gun". The production company is happy that "Maverick" has done so well. A spokesman said: "These results are ridiculously, over-the-top fantastic. I'm happy for the filmmakers." The movie has great reviews. A UK newspaper called it a "thrilling" blockbuster. Another said it was "the best studio action film in years". At first, Cruise did not want to make the movie. He is happy he did.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-61630131>  
<https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2022/05/top-gun-maverick-breaks-box-office-records>  
<https://www.foxnews.com/entertainment/top-gun-maverick-memorial-day-box-office-tom-cruise-movie>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Tom Cruise's new film has      | a. million              |
| 2. The biggest ever               | b. in the USA           |
| 3. Over 4,700 cinemas             | c. broke the record     |
| 4. It's the widest release of all | d. movie                |
| 5. The movie also                 | e. broken sales records |
| 6. the best Memorial Day          | f. time                 |
| 7. It beat Johnny Depp's 2007     | g. number               |
| 8. his first ever \$100           | h. opening film         |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the sequel to          | a. for the filmmakers |
| 2. over-the-              | b. to make the movie  |
| 3. I'm happy              | c. blockbuster        |
| 4. The movie has great    | d. he did             |
| 5. a "thrilling"          | e. reviews            |
| 6. the best studio action | f. the 1986 film      |
| 7. Cruise did not want    | g. film in years      |
| 8. He is happy            | h. top                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Maverick is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the 1986 film "Top Gun". The production company (8) \_\_\_\_\_ "Maverick" has done so well. A spokesman said: "These results are ridiculously, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ fantastic. I'm happy for the filmmakers." The movie (10) \_\_\_\_\_. A UK newspaper called it a "thrilling" blockbuster. Another said it was "the best studio (11) \_\_\_\_\_ years". At first, Cruise did not want to make the movie. He is (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ing"blockbuster.Anothersaiditwasthebeststudioactionfilminyears".  
Atfirst,Cruisedidnotwanttomakethemovie.Heishappyhedid.

# MOVIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about movies 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

