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

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Tom Cruise's latest film has broken box office records. The movie "Top Gun: Maverick" was in the biggest ever number of North American movie theatres. The magazine "Variety" said that 4,732 cinemas in the USA and Canada showed "Maverick". This makes it the widest release of all time. The movie broke another record. It is the best Memorial Day opening film in history. It took \$156 million in the USA. This beats Johnny Depp's 2007 movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End". Maverick also gave Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise his first ever \$100 million opening weekend.

Maverick is the sequel to the 1986 film "Top Gun". Cruise again plays US navy pilot Pete "Maverick" Mitchell. The production company was happy that "Maverick" has done so well. A spokesperson said: "These results are ridiculously, over-the-top fantastic. I'm happy for everyone. I'm happy for...the filmmakers." The movie has great reviews from critics. A UK newspaper called it a "thrilling" blockbuster. Another newspaper called it "absurdly exciting," and "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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. broken box office | a. movie |
| 2. the biggest ever | b. release of all time |
| 3. This makes it the widest | c. the best |
| 4. The movie | d. ever \$100 million |
| 5. It is | e. superstar |
| 6. This beats Johnny Depp's 2007 | f. records |
| 7. Hollywood | g. broke another record |
| 8. his first | h. number |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Maverick is the sequel | a. film in years |
| 2. US navy | b. top |
| 3. Maverick" has done so | c. did |
| 4. ridiculously over-the- | d. pilot |
| 5. I'm happy | e. make the movie |
| 6. the best studio action | f. well |
| 7. Cruise did not want to | g. to the 1986 film |
| 8. He is happy he | h. for everyone |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tom Cruise's latest (1) _____ box office records. The movie "Top Gun: Maverick" was (2) _____ ever number of North American movie theatres. The magazine "Variety" said that 4,732 cinemas in the USA and Canada showed "Maverick". This makes (3) _____ release of all time. The movie broke another record. It (4) _____ Memorial Day opening film in history. It took \$156 million in the USA. This beats Johnny Depp's 2007 movie "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End". Maverick (5) _____ superstar Tom Cruise (6) _____ \$100 million opening weekend.

Maverick is (7) _____ the 1986 film "Top Gun". Cruise again plays US navy pilot Pete "Maverick" Mitchell. The production company (8) _____ "Maverick" has done so well. A spokesperson said: "These results are ridiculously, over-(9) _____. I'm happy for everyone. I'm happy for...the filmmakers." The movie (10) _____ from critics. A UK newspaper called it a "thrilling" blockbuster. Another newspaper called it "absurdly exciting," and "the (11) _____ film in 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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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) _____

