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Level 0 – 20th November 2025

Actor Tom Cruise finally gets an Oscar

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Tom Cruise has won an Oscar. He was nominated for an Oscar four times before, but he never won. Cruise is one of the most famous actors ever. He inspires people with his energy to make movies. He makes going to the cinema an experience. Cruise is also famous for doing his own stunts. Many of them are dangerous.

Tom Cruise was very happy. He felt lucky to be a part of cinema. He said: "Making films is not what I do, it is who I am." He said his love for movies began when he was just a small child. He added that: "In the [movie] theatre, we laugh together... we hope together. And that is the power of [movies]."

Sources: <https://variety.com/2025/awards/news/tom-cruise-honorary-oscar-speech-1236583348/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Tom Cruise has | a. stunts |
| 2. He was nominated | b. people |
| 3. one of the most famous | c. experience |
| 4. He inspires | d. won an Oscar |
| 5. his energy to | e. dangerous |
| 6. He makes going to the cinema an | f. actors ever |
| 7. famous for doing his own | g. for an Oscar |
| 8. Many of them are | h. make movies |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Tom Cruise was | a. I am |
| 2. He felt lucky to be a | b. I do |
| 3. Making films is not what | c. laugh together |
| 4. it is who | d. part of cinema |
| 5. his love | e. small child |
| 6. when he was just a | f. of movies |
| 7. In the movie theatre, we | g. for movies |
| 8. that is the power | h. very happy |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tom Cruise (1) _____ Oscar. He was nominated for an Oscar (2) _____, but he never won. Cruise is one (3) _____ famous actors ever. He inspires people with his (4) _____ movies. He makes going to the cinema an experience. Cruise (5) _____ for doing (6) _____. Many of them are dangerous.

Tom Cruise was very happy. He (7) _____ be a (8) _____. He said: "Making films is not what I do, it is (9) _____." He said his (10) _____ began when he was just a small child. He added that: "In the [movie] theatre, (11) _____... we hope together. And that is the (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TomCruisehaswonanOscar.HewasnominatedforanOscarfourtimesbefore, buthe neverwon.Cruiseisoneofthemostfamousactorsever.Heinspirespeoplewithhisenergytomakemovies.Hemakesgoingtothecinemaanexperience.Cruiseisalsofamousfordoinghisownstunts.Manyofthemaredangerous.TomCruisewasveryhappy.Hefeltluckytobeapartofcinema.Hesaid:"MakingfilmsisnotwhatIdo,itiswhoIam."Hesaidhisloveformoviesbeganwhenhewasjustasmallchild.Headdedthat:"Inthe[movie]theatre,welaughtogether...wehopetogether.Andthatisthepowerof[movies]."

TOP ACTORS

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Write five GOOD questions about top actors 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **top actors** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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