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Level 1 – 20th November 2025

Actor Tom Cruise finally gets an Oscar

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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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Actor Tom Cruise, 63, has finally won an Oscar. He was nominated for an Oscar four times in his career, but he never won. Cruise won his Oscar because he is one of the most famous actors ever. He has inspired people by his huge energy to make movies, and by how he makes going to the cinema an experience. Cruise is also famous for doing his own stunts. Many of them are dangerous. An actor thinks Cruise will get four more Oscars in the next 20 years.

Tom Cruise was very happy to win. He said he felt very lucky to be a part of cinema. He said: "Making films is not what I do, it is who I am." He added: "My love for cinema began [when] I was just a little kid in a darkened theatre....Suddenly, the world was so much larger." He said: "Cinema takes me around the world....In the [movie] theatre, we laugh together... we hope together. And that is the power of this art form."

Sources: <https://variety.com/2025/awards/news/tom-cruise-honorary-oscar-speech-1236583348/>
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/entertainment/movies/2025/11/17/tom-cruise-first-oscar-governors-awards/87280229007/>
<https://people.com/tom-cruise-honorary-oscar-at-2025-governors-awards-11850067>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Cruise, 63, has finally | a. for an Oscar |
| 2. He was nominated | b. own stunts |
| 3. four times in | c. people |
| 4. he is one of the most famous | d. his career |
| 5. He has inspired | e. dangerous |
| 6. huge energy to | f. won an Oscar |
| 7. famous for doing his | g. make movies |
| 8. Many of them are | h. actors ever |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Tom Cruise was very | a. I do |
| 2. He said he | b. art form |
| 3. Making films is not what | c. much larger |
| 4. my love | d. felt very lucky |
| 5. when I was just | e. around the world |
| 6. Suddenly, the world was so | f. happy to win |
| 7. Cinema takes me | g. for cinema |
| 8. that is the power of this | h. a little kid |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Actor Tom Cruise, 63, (1) _____ an Oscar. He was nominated for an Oscar four times (2) _____, but he never won. Cruise won his Oscar because he is one of the most (3) _____. He has inspired people by his huge energy to make movies, and by (4) _____ going to the cinema an experience. Cruise is also famous for doing (5) _____. Many of them are dangerous. An actor thinks Cruise will (6) _____ Oscars in the next 20 years.

Tom Cruise was very happy to win. He said he (7) _____ to be a part of cinema. He said: "Making films is not what I do, it is (8) _____." He added: "My love for cinema began [when] I was just a (9) _____ a darkened theatre....Suddenly, the world was (10) _____." He said: "Cinema takes (11) _____ world....In the [movie] theatre, we laugh together... we hope together. And that is the power of (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TOP ACTORS SURVEY

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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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