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Level 2 – 20th November 2025

Actor Tom Cruise finally gets an Oscar

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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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Superstar Tom Cruise, 63, has finally won an Oscar. Mr Cruise was nominated for an Oscar four times in his career, but he never won. An Oscars spokeswoman said Cruise won because he is one of the most famous and biggest money-earning actors ever. She added that he inspired people with his huge commitment to filmmaking, to the cinema experience, and to the stunts community. Cruise is famous for doing all of his own stunts. Many of them are very dangerous. A Hollywood actor predicted Cruise would get four more Oscars in the next 20 years.

Tom Cruise was very happy to win an Oscar. In a speech, 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 at a very early age....I was just a little kid in a darkened theatre....Suddenly, the world was so much larger than the one that I knew." He said: "Cinema takes me around the world....In the [movie] theatre, we laugh together, we feel together, we hope together. And that is the power of this art form." Cruise is famous for the movies Mission: Impossible and Top Gun.

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. Cruise was nominated | a. famous |
| 2. he never | b. of his own stunts |
| 3. he is one of the most | c. people |
| 4. biggest money- | d. for an Oscar |
| 5. he inspired | e. in the next 20 years |
| 6. his huge commitment | f. earning actors |
| 7. Cruise is famous for doing all | g. won |
| 8. four more Oscars | h. to filmmaking |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Cruise was very happy | a. is who I am |
| 2. he felt very lucky to be | b. of this art form |
| 3. Making films is not what I do, it | c. at a very early age |
| 4. My love for cinema began | d. the one that I knew |
| 5. a little kid in a | e. to win an Oscar |
| 6. the world was so much larger than | f. around the world |
| 7. Cinema takes me | g. darkened theatre |
| 8. that is the power | h. a part of cinema |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Tom Cruise was very happy (7) _____ Oscar. In a speech, he said he felt very lucky to (8) _____ of cinema. He said: "Making films is not what I do, it is who I am." He added: "My love for cinema began at a (9) _____.I was just a little kid in a darkened theatre....Suddenly, the world was so much larger than the one (10) _____." He said: "Cinema takes me around the world....In the [movie] theatre, (11) _____, we feel together, we hope together. And that is the (12) _____ art form." Cruise is famous for the movies Mission: Impossible and Top Gun.

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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