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New 007 movie 'Skyfall' premieres in London

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. 007: Walk around the class and talk to other students about 007. Change partners often. Share your findings with your first partner.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

James Bond / royalty / Hollywood / heir to the throne / glittering event / red carpet / movie critics / trademarks / beautiful women / high-tech gadgets / grossed / franchise

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SPY: What would life as a spy be like? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good points	Bad points
Travel		
Private life		
Money		
Adventure		
Romance		
Technology		

4. JAMES BOND: Students A **strongly** believe James Bond is the best movie hero ever; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MOVIES: Which are best? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often.

- spy movies
- horror movies
- science fiction movies
- period dramas
- spaghetti westerns
- thrillers
- romantic comedies
- car chase movies

6. HOLLYWOOD: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'Hollywood'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Kings and queens from Britain and Europe watched a James Bond film. T / F
- b. There were 22 James Bond movies before *Skyfall*. T / F
- c. A collection of 007 bad guys from the past 50 years saw the premiere. T / F
- d. The James Bond actor went to the premiere with UK royal Albert Hall. T / F
- e. A U.K. newspaper said the movie was full of the usual Bond things. T / F
- f. The paper predicted the movie would be a major success. T / F
- g. The director asked his 13-year-old son for advice about James Bond. T / F
- h. The James Bond movies have made over \$5 billion worldwide. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. latest | a. glamorous |
| 2. in front of | b. reviewers |
| 3. glittering | c. adventure |
| 4. sophisticated | d. before |
| 5. plays | e. earned |
| 6. critics | f. appears as |
| 7. hailing | g. most recent |
| 8. escapade | h. guide |
| 9. channel | i. stylish |
| 10. grossed | j. praising |

3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. in front of | a. British spy |
| 2. The U.K. heir | b. escapade |
| 3. played the lead female | c. on the red carpet |
| 4. the sophisticated | d. worldwide box office |
| 5. the first stars to arrive | e. to the throne |
| 6. the film was full of the usual | f. British and Hollywood royalty |
| 7. a blistering comic book | g. to be part of it |
| 8. a real honour | h. 13-year-old boy |
| 9. I just wanted to channel my inner | i. role in the films |
| 10. the \$5.1 billion grossed at the | j. Bond trademarks |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'movie' and 'premiere'.

movie	premiere
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• front• 50th• event• collection• third• accompanied	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• critics• full• comic• honour• channel• box
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007 SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about 007 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.

JAMES BOND DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the name 'James Bond'?
- c) What do you know about James Bond?
- d) What Bond movies have you seen and what do you think of them?
- e) Why is Bond so popular?
- f) Are you interested in seeing the latest James Bond movie *Skyfall*?
- g) How British is James Bond?
- h) What do you think it's like going to a movie premiere full of royalty, stars and red carpet?
- i) If you were in a James Bond movie, what kind of character would you like to play?
- j) Is there an equivalent of James Bond in movies from your country or in your language?

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JAMES BOND DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Is it an achievement that a movie franchise has lasted 23 films and 50 years?
- c) Could James Bond be American one day?
- d) Do you think acting in a James Bond movie is different to acting in "normal" movies?
- e) How realistic is James Bond. Are there really spies like him in real life?
- f) What do you think of the fast cars, beautiful women, high-tech gadgets in James Bond movies?
- g) What do you think life as a spy is like?
- h) What kind of training would James Bond need to be such a good spy?
- i) What do you think James Bond likes and dislikes about his life?
- j) What questions would you like to ask James Bond?

LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) royally | (b) royalty | (c) royal | (d) royalists |
| 2. | (a) hair | (b) heir | (c) here | (d) hare |
| 3. | (a) spluttering | (b) spattering | (c) twittering | (d) glittering |
| 4. | (a) absence | (b) attendance | (c) transit | (d) reference |
| 5. | (a) rug | (b) carpet | (c) flooring | (d) mat |
| 6. | (a) as | (b) on | (c) by | (d) in |
| 7. | (a) sleeting | (b) raining | (c) hailing | (d) gusting |
| 8. | (a) benchmarks | (b) birthmarks | (c) trademarks | (d) watermarks |
| 9. | (a) cause | (b) cased | (c) crease | (d) course |
| 10. | (a) escapade | (b) stampede | (c) implode | (d) delude |
| 11. | (a) inner | (b) internal | (c) inside | (d) into |
| 12. | (a) cashed | (b) valued | (c) grossed | (d) calculated |

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about the new James Bond movie *Skyfall*. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. JAMES BOND: Make a poster about James Bond. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SKYFALL: Write a magazine article about the new James Bond movie *Skyfall*. Include imaginary interviews with lead actor Daniel Craig and director Sam Mendes.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. LETTER: Write a letter to James Bond. Ask him three questions about being a spy for the British government. Give him three pieces of advice on how to save the world. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. T c. F d. F e. T f. T g. F h. T

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - b 2 - b 3 - d 4 - b 5 - b 6 - c 7 - c 8 - c 9 - d 10 - a 11 - a 12 - c