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The Force Awakens breaks ticket records

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THE READING

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The new Star Wars movie debuts in cinemas until December, but it is already big news. Pre-sales tickets for 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' broke records yesterday. The USA's largest online ticket seller, Fandango, said it had so many visitors that its site crashed. It apologised to people who had problems. It sold eight times more tickets than it did for the previous record movie. It added that enthusiasm for the movie was, "out of this world".

'The Force Awakens' is the seventh Star Wars movie. A trailer on Monday soon went viral. It already has 13 million views on YouTube. Many news stations showed the story. Movie analyst Phil Contrino said the movie could break records and be the highest earning movie ever. He said it could make \$2 billion." Star Wars fans will be happy to know that plans are in place for Star Wars VIII and IX.

Sources: <http://www.ew.com/article/2015/10/20/star-wars-ticket-sales>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The new Star Wars movie doesn't | a. many visitors |
| 2. it is already big | b. debut in cinemas |
| 3. Pre- | c. crashed |
| 4. The USA's largest | d. this world |
| 5. it had so | e. for the movie |
| 6. its site | f. news |
| 7. enthusiasm | g. online ticket seller |
| 8. out of | h. sales tickets |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the seventh | a. ever |
| 2. A trailer on Monday soon | b. views on YouTube |
| 3. It already has 13 million | c. \$2 billion |
| 4. news | d. analyst |
| 5. Movie | e. went viral |
| 6. the highest earning movie | f. in place |
| 7. He said it could make | g. stations |
| 8. plans are | h. Star Wars movie |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The new Star Wars movie (1) _____ cinemas until December, but (2) _____ big news. Pre-sales tickets for 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' broke records yesterday. The USA's largest (3) _____ seller, Fandango, said (4) _____ many visitors that its site crashed. It apologised to people who had problems. It sold eight times more tickets (5) _____ the previous record movie. It added that enthusiasm for the movie was, "out (6) _____".

'The Force Awakens' (7) _____ Star Wars movie. A trailer on Monday (8) _____. It already has 13 (9) _____ YouTube. Many news stations showed the story. Movie analyst Phil Contrino said the movie could break records (10) _____ highest earning movie ever. He (11) _____ \$2 billion." Star Wars fans will be happy to know that plans (12) _____ Star Wars VIII and IX.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
