

Tom Cruise's "Top Gun: Maverick" breaks records

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Tom Cruise's latest blockbuster film has broken box office records across America. The movie "Top Gun: Maverick" was shown in the biggest ever number of North American movie theatres. The movie magazine "Variety" reported that 4,732

cinemas in the USA and Canada showed "Maverick". This makes it the widest release of all time. The movie also broke another record. It is the best Memorial Day opening film in history. It earned \$156 million in the USA. This beats Johnny Depp's "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End". That movie earned \$153 million in 2007. Maverick has also given Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise his first ever \$100 million opening weekend at the box office.

Maverick is the sequel to the 1986 film "Top Gun". Cruise goes back to his role as US navy pilot Pete "Maverick" Mitchell. The movie's production company Paramount was very happy that "Maverick" had done so well. Chris Aronson, president of domestic distribution, said: "These results are ridiculously, over-the-top fantastic. I'm happy for everyone. I'm happy for the company, for Tom, and for the filmmakers." The movie has had rave reviews from critics. The "Independent" in the UK called it a "thrilling" blockbuster. Another UK newspaper, "The Telegraph," called it "absurdly exciting," and "unquestionably the best studio action film in years". At first, Cruise did not want to make the sequel. Now, he is happy he did.

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Writing

Movies are best seen in movie theatres. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

blockbuster / box office / records / movie / number / magazine / history / pirates / sequel / navy / pilot / president / domestic / fantastic / reviews / thrilling / exciting

True / False

- 1) The latest Tom Cruise movie broke a box office. T / F
- 2) Tom Cruises' new movie played in over 4,700 cinemas in North America. T / F
- 3) Top Gun: Maverick did not earn as much as Pirates of the Caribbean. T / F
- 4) Cruise never had a \$100 million opening weekend before this movie. T / F
- 5) Top Gun: Maverick is the prequel to the 2006 Top Gun movie. T / F
- 6) The producers were happy for Tom Cruise and all the filmmakers. T / F
- 7) Top Gun: Maverick got bad reviews from movie critics. T / F
- 8) Cruise was always very enthusiastic about making the movie. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. latest | a. ratings |
| 2. movie theatre | b. made |
| 3. reported | c. betters |
| 4. earned | d. cinema |
| 5. beats | e. national |
| 6. role | f. announced |
| 7. domestic | g. exciting |
| 8. reviews | h. most recent |
| 9. thrilling | i. without doubt |
| 10. unquestionably | j. part |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Are sequels and prequels ever better than the original?
- c) Who are you happy for?
- d) What is the best movie you've seen this year?
- e) Would you like to be a movie star?
- f) Which country makes the best movies?
- g) What's the worst movie you've ever seen?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Tom Cruise?

Phrase Match

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| 1. Cruise's latest blockbuster film has broken box | a. history |
| 2. 4,732 cinemas in the USA and Canada | b. \$153 million in 2007 |
| 3. This makes it the widest release | c. thrilling blockbuster |
| 4. the best Memorial Day opening film in | d. top |
| 5. That movie earned | e. showed "Maverick" |
| 6. U.S. navy | f. in years |
| 7. over-the- | g. of all time |
| 8. The movie has had rave reviews | h. pilot |
| 9. The "Independent" in the UK called it a | i. office records |
| 10. unquestionably the best studio action film | j. from critics |

Discussion – Student B

- What are your favourite movies?
- Do you want to see the latest Tom Cruise movie?
- What do you think of Tom Cruise?
- What do you think of action movies?
- Do you like going to the movie theater?
- Is Top Gun better than Pirates of the Caribbean?
- Who is the better actor, Tom Cruise or Johnny Depp?
- Why do we like movies so much?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. j	7. e	8. a	9. g	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Action

You think action is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): comedy, romance or science fiction.

Role B – Comedy

You think comedy is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): action, romance or science fiction.

Role C – Romance

You think romance is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): comedy, action or science fiction.

Role D – Science Fiction

You think science fiction is the best movie genre. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their genres. Also, tell the others which is the least enjoyable of these (and why): comedy, romance or action.

Speaking – Movie Genres

Rank these with your partner. Put the best movie genres at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Action | • Science fiction |
| • Fantasy | • Comedy |
| • Horror | • Mystery |
| • Romance | • Animation |

Answers – True False

1	F	2	T	3	F	4	T	5	F	6	T	7	F	8	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.