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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 does not debut in cinemas until December, but there is already huge interest online. Pre-sales tickets for 'Star Wars: The Force Awakens' broke all ticket 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 could not visit the site. A spokesperson said: "We have already sold eight times as many tickets as we did on the first day of sales for the previous record holder." He added: "The enthusiasm for this year's most anticipated movie is out of this world."

'The Force Awakens' is the seventh Star Wars movie. Disney released the film's trailer on Monday and it soon went viral. Many top news stations showed the story on their prime time news. The trailer has 13 million views on YouTube. This number will get a lot bigger. Box office analyst Phil Contrino said the movie could break box office records and be the highest earning movie ever. He added: "The Force Awakens will hit \$1 billion....If it's really good, it could cross \$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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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. debut in | a. interest online |
| 2. there is already huge | b. this world |
| 3. it had so many visitors that | c. times as many tickets |
| 4. It apologised to people who could | d. anticipated movie |
| 5. We have already sold eight | e. holder |
| 6. the previous record | f. cinemas |
| 7. this year's most | g. its site crashed |
| 8. out of | h. not visit the site |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Disney released the film's | a. viral |
| 2. it soon went | b. earning movie ever |
| 3. prime | c. 13 million views on You Tube |
| 4. The trailer has | d. place |
| 5. the movie could break box | e. trailer on Monday |
| 6. the highest | f. could cross \$2 billion |
| 7. If it's really good, it | g. time news |
| 8. plans are in | h. office records |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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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)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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