

Well, this is the last English News of the calendar year¹. I have made two fewer than last year at this point² because we had more holidays this year. I don't think that's a bad thing. And this week we only have two days. Today we have lots of cleaning (I want you to polish³ the floors until I can eat my dinner off them) and then tomorrow we have our Christmas assembly⁴. I always look forward to it and I never get tired of watching the pageant and listening to the songs. I think Christmas is a fabulous⁵ time of year. What do you think?

Something You Didn't Know (Star Wars⁶)

1. Star Wars is only the fifth highest grossing series of movies⁷ but it has a Guinness Record⁸ for the most successful film merchandising franchise⁹. The movies have grossed¹⁰ \$4.5 billion but the merchandise has made close to \$40 billion.
2. When George Lucas made the first movie there was a very low budget¹¹. He knew they wouldn't have enough money for his director's¹² salary¹³ so he agreed to¹⁴ take a percentage of¹⁵ the profits¹⁶ and merchandise. He didn't know it but that deal¹⁷ has made him billions of dollars.
3. The man who plays Darth Vader¹⁸ and his voice are two different people. The actor, David Prowse, is very tall but his accent¹⁹ was not scary²⁰ enough. His voice was done by James Earl Jones. Also, a different actor was used when we see Darth Vader's face at the end of the movie.



20 differences

Last Week's Answers



Announcements

Monday: Hallelujah L1, classes L2+3,
Cleaning and LHR L4.
Tuesday: Students in at 13:00.
Christmas concert at 13:30.
Evening concert at 18:30

News

Star Wars VII Opens This Week

I know this is the second movie story I have done in a month, but you'll have to forgive me because it's STAR WARS!! Everyone loves Star Wars, and if they don't, they should! This week the latest episode²¹ in the Star Wars franchise²² is being released²³. Many people are very skeptical²⁴ about this movie for a number of reasons. Firstly, movies four, five and six were a letdown²⁵.



And, secondly, Disney bought the rights²⁶ to the franchise from George Lucas a few years ago for \$4 billion dollars, and Disney cannot always be relied upon²⁷ to produce a good movie. Anyway, the film premiered²⁸ last week for the critics²⁹ and many of them have given the film very positive reviews³⁰. They say Star Wars fans will not be disappointed³¹.



The movie introduces³² some new characters and new plotlines³³, while also bringing back some of the original characters from the first movie, (filmed in 1977, the year I was born). I will have to try to get permission³⁴ from my wife to go and watch this movie. Are any of you going?



1. Calendar year 暦年 2. At this point last year 去年のこの時期 3. Polish 磨く 4. Assembly 礼拝 5. Fabulous 素晴らしい 6. Star Wars スターウォーズ 7. Fifth highest grossing series of movies 5番最高の興行収入を挙げた連続映画シリーズ 8. Guinness Record ギネス世界記録 9. Film merchandising franchise 映画商品フランチャイズ 10. Gross 総収益を上げる 11. Budget 予算 12. Director 監督 13. Salary 給料 14. Agree to 同意する 15. Take a percentage of 歩合を受け取る 16. Profit 利益 17. Deal 契約 18. Darth Vader ダースベイダー 19. Accent 訛り 20. Scary 怖い 21. Episode 第__話 22. Franchise フランチャイズ 23. Release 封切る 24. Skeptical 懐疑的な 25. Letdown 落胆 26. Rights 映画化権 27. Rely upon 信頼する 28. Premiere 封切られる 29. Critic 批評家 30. Review レビュー 31. Disappointed がっかりする 32. Introduce 紹介する 33. Plotline 構想 34. Permission 許可