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**Teacher's
Pack**



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Introduction

The following is a teacher's pack and accompanying audio for the show 'Action!'. The exercises are designed to help prepare your students for the show.

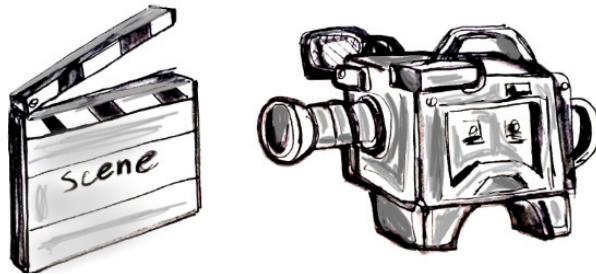
The aim of our show is, above all, to entertain. The whole cinema industry is based on entertainment and Face 2 Face would like your students to have fun and lose any apprehension they may have of communicating in English.

This teacher's pack is designed to help teachers and students get the most out of the show, and to stimulate their interest in cinema history and English language film culture. Obviously we can only look at a small number of films during the course of the show, however they are some of the most well known films and should provide an excellent introduction to cinema history. There is a brief synopsis of each film referred to in 'Action!', preceded by an explanation of its relevance to the genre and to cinema history as a whole.

We strongly recommend that students be prepared before attending the show, as it will increase their motivation, understanding and enjoyment. Please select the material from this teacher's pack that you feel is most suited to your students' age and ability.

We are open to any suggestions, comments or critiques you may have concerning the show or the contents of this Teacher's Pack. If you have any doubts or questions concerning this activity, please feel free to call our central office or contact us by email:

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Symbols used in this Teacher's Pack



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Pages with these symbols can be photocopied and used for the students



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About the show

Synopsis

It's Oscar night, and by some strange fate the worst actors in all of Hollywood (not to mention the most annoying), Ronnie Brown and Charlie Taylor, have been invited to the Oscars ceremony, along with Hollywood's rich and famous. Charlie and Ronnie, incredibly upset with the Academy's decisions, decide to take matters into their own hands. Now comes the hard part. They must convince the academy and the audience that they are in fact the best actors in the world.

Through a series of film re-enactments, filled with crazy antics, Ronnie and Charlie traverse the history of cinema from silent films to Titanic, and let you, the audience, decide who really deserves the Oscar.



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Vocabulary

Here is some of the vocabulary used during the show:

actor
film / movie
Oscars
ceremony
Hollywood
famous
celebrities
casting
audition
talent
party
jealous
in love

husband
wife
loser
cinema
history
classics
Film genres:
Western
Romance
Crime
Thriller
Mob/gangster film
Science fiction

Comedy
Horror
Action
Adventure
Drama
History
War
Mystery
Documentary
Biography
Film Noir
Musical
Silent movie





Meet The Characters



Charlie Taylor

Charlie is an actor... a very bad actor. He has been acting for twenty years and has been to lots of castings, but he has never had a part (unless you count the time he played a cactus in a Western). He loves theatre but his real passion is film. His dream is to star in a movie one day. Meanwhile, he spends his time watching films, reading reviews and working on his audition speeches. Charlie is confident that he will win the Oscar... he won Ronnie's heart, after all. Charlie tries to be cool and calm, unlike Ronnie, but isn't very successful. It could be the clothes he wears or the way he dances, but Charlie is no Brad Pitt.



Ronnie Brown

Ronnie is Charlie's wife. She is a very experienced and very bad actress. Her acting career has been slightly better than Charlie's... her favourite part was when she played an extra in the television series 'Coronation Street'. She had two lines: 'Hello. Can I have a pint of milk, please?' and 'Keep the change'. Ronnie is British and she moved to the USA after meeting Charlie at a Star Wars fan club event. She has dreamed of two things all her life; marrying Charlie and winning the Oscar. She's married Charlie, but we're not so sure about the Oscar... Ronnie gets excited very easily and sometimes gets carried away.



The Celebrities

The guests at the Oscars ceremony are some of the most famous actors, writers and directors of the moment. They're all there; Stephen Spielberg, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, Jack Black and Jennifer Lawrence. Pedro Almodóvar, Santiago Segura... And of course, there will be plenty of paparazzi to photograph them as they pick up their awards. Who do you think will be nominated for an Oscar this year?



The Police

The Los Angeles Police department are dedicated to enforcing law and order, and protecting the citizens of America. They will be present at the Oscars ceremony, and together with the special security forces hope to ensure that the event runs smoothly. I wonder if they know what Charlie and Ronnie are plotting...



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Oscar Night!

PRESENTER: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome back to the academy awards. The nominees for best actors are Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, Jack Black and Jennifer Lawrence. And the Oscar goes to....

CHARLIE: Nobody move! Stay calm and no one gets hurt! Ronnie, go lock the doors! No one move or the Oscar gets it! Ronnie, are the doors locked?

RONNIE: Locked!

CHARLIE: OK everybody, there is no way out, all the doors are locked. I'm sick and tired of all you famous people winning Oscars. Why can't someone normal like me win an Oscar?

RONNIE: That's right, you deserve an Oscar just as much as Leonardo DiCaprio or Ryan Gosling!

CHARLIE: Yes I do, and so do you! *(Ronnie reaches for the Oscar)* But not this one, this one is mine. I've been an actor for 20 years, you know who I am? I'm Charlie Taylor! That's right, the one and only. You remember that, because you are going to be seeing a lot more of me from now on.

RONNIE: : Yeah! And I'm Ronnie Brown. Our names deserve to be in lights. Ronnie Brown and Charlie Taylor.

CHARLIE: Charlie Taylor and Ronnie Brown. As I was saying, I've been an actor for twenty years and I've been to hundreds of castings and all of the parties, and I've never had one part, unless you count being a cactus in a western as a part. We've watched all your films, even the really bad ones but now it's your turn to watch us.

RONNIE: Yeah Charlie. Let's prove it to them that we deserve an Oscar more than Millie Bobby Brown or Finn Wolfhard. We know everything about the history of cinema. From when it began with silent movies, to Classic Hollywood and film noir. From westerns and musicals, to Sci-Fi and Fantasy right up to today with live action like the new Minions movie.....We know it all!

This scene opens the show 'Action!'. It is the night of the Oscars ceremony, and Charlie and Ronnie interrupt and create chaos. Listen to the recording and read the dialogue above. Now listen again and answer 'true' or 'false' to the following questions:

1) The scene takes place at the Academy Awards ceremony.

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2) Ronnie and Charlie are actors

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3) They are very famous

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4) Charlie is happy that famous people always win Oscars.

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5) They want to steal money from the celebrities

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6) Charlie has acted in hundreds of important film roles.

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F

7) They want to prove they are good actors

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F





Scene Breakdown

Scene 1

It is Oscar night! Charlie Taylor and Ronnie Brown are actors. They love films and they love the Oscars... but they are not very successful actors. In fact, Charlie has been acting for 20 years and has never got a part!

This year, by a strange chance, they have been invited to the Oscars ceremony with Hollywood's rich and famous people. But they feel unhappy because of the Academy's choices. So, they decide to take control themselves. They take out guns and lock the doors. They want to show that they are good actors and deserve an Oscar too. They will make the celebrities watch their performance!



Scene 2

They begin by singing a song. But the audience are not impressed by Charlie and Ronnie's performance, and they boo. Charlie protests, saying that they might not be very good singers but they are amazing actors and they know everything there is to know about the history of film. To prove it, they ask the celebrities to watch them as they perform scenes from different films. They have a suitcase full of props and they know all the scenes from memory! They begin with the famous Western film 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly'.

Scene 3

Charlie and Ronnie's favourite film is 'Casablanca'. They pretend to be Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman and re-enact the story. As they are finishing, police sirens can be heard. The Los Angeles police department has surrounded the building and ask Charlie and Ronnie to come out with their hands up. Charlie refuses... he won't leave until they've performed some scenes from his favourite movies!





Scene 4

Charlie and Ronnie perform scenes from the famous saga of 'Harry Potter'. But the celebrities are still not impressed by their performance! So they perform scenes from 'Star Wars'; Ronnie plays Darth Vader and they fight with light sabres. Then, in a final effort to prove that they deserve the Oscar, Charlie and Ronnie re-enact some of the most famous moments of film history, from Titanic to Pirates of the Caribbean, Jurassic Park, Lord of the Rings and Scream.

Scene 5

The police interrupt to give Charlie and Ronnie a final warning: if they do not come out with their hands up they will be shot. Defeated, Charlie and Ronnie say goodbye to the celebrities. As they are being arrested and taken away by the police, there is an announcement over the loudspeakers. In an emergency meeting, the Academy have decided to give the Oscar for Best Screen Couple to... Ronnie Brown and Charlie Taylor!





Comprehension Worksheet

a) Reading for General Meaning:

Read the story from the previous page and answer these questions:

- Who are the main characters in the story? Name at least two.

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- Where does the story happen?

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- Is the ending happy or sad?

b) Reading for Specific Information:

Now read again and try to find the answer the following questions:

- Which films do Charlie and Ronnie perform scenes from? Name five:

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- How long has Charlie been acting for?

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- Which actors from the film 'Casablanca' do Charlie and Ronnie pretend to be?

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- Which character from 'Star Wars' does Ronnie play?

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c) True or False?

- 1) Charlie and Ronnie are good singers

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- 2) They have a suitcase full of props

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☐ F

- 3) Their favourite film is 'Harry Potter'

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☐ F

- 4) The play takes place in Los Angeles, USA

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☐ F

- 5) The police shoot and kill Charlie and Ronnie

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☐ F

- 6) The police arrest Charlie and Ronnie

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☐ F

- 7) Charlie and Ronnie win an Oscar

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☐ F





The Films



Here is a summary of the films that are featured in 'Action', each with a brief synopsis and some information on their importance to cinema history.

'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly'

Western, 1966,
directed by Sergio Leone

The movie is in a special film style called "Spaghetti Western" — this means it's a Western movie made by Italian directors, even though the story happens in America.

The story happens during the American Civil War. Three men are all looking for the same thing: buried gold, hidden somewhere in a cemetery. Each man has a different personality — one is "good," one is "bad," and one is "ugly" (this means rough and unpredictable). They sometimes work together and sometimes fight against each other, because they all want the gold for themselves.

The movie is famous for its long, tense scenes, its beautiful desert landscapes, and its exciting music. The final scene — a three-way gun duel — is one of the most famous moments in movie history.

Fun fact for Spanish students: Even though the story is set in America, many scenes were filmed in the desert near Almería, Spain! The dry, rocky landscape of Almería looked just like the American Wild West, so many famous Westerns were filmed there in the 1960s. Today, you can still visit old film sets near Almería, like Tabernas Desert, where tourists can see how the "Wild West" was created right here in Spain.



'Casablanca'

Romantic drama, 1942,
directed by Michael Curtis

In World War II Casablanca, American expatriate and nightclub owner Rick (Humphrey Bogart) is surprised by a visit from his ex-girlfriend Ilsa (Ingrid Bergman). Rick feels bitter towards Ilsa after she abandoned him in Paris, but now she needs his help. Her husband Victor (Paul Henreid) is a resistance leader, and is being pursued by the Germans. Ilsa knows Rick can help them escape from Morocco... the question is, will he?

Featuring the song 'As Time Goes By', which Ilsa famously asks the pianist to play with the line "Play it again, Sam". 'Casablanca' one of the most influential movies in American film history.





The Harry Potter Movie Saga

Fantasy, 2011

The Harry Potter movies are a series of 8 fantasy films. They are based on the books by J.K. Rowling. The first movie came out in 2001, and the last one came out in 2011.

The story is about a boy named Harry Potter. Harry does not know he is a wizard. On his 11th birthday, he learns the truth. He goes to a special school called Hogwarts, where children learn magic. At Hogwarts, Harry makes two best friends: Ron and Hermione. Together, they learn spells, fly on broomsticks, and have many adventures. But there is also danger. A very bad wizard named Voldemort killed Harry's parents. Voldemort wants to kill Harry too.

Each movie shows one year of Harry's life at Hogwarts. As the movies go on, Harry gets older, the story gets darker, and the final battle between Harry and Voldemort becomes more exciting.

The main actors:

Daniel Radcliffe plays Harry Potter
Rupert Grint plays Ron Weasley
Emma Watson plays Hermione Granger
These three actors were just children when they started the films, and they grew up together on screen across the 8 movies!

Famous adult actors also appear, playing the teachers and other important characters:

Alan Rickman as Professor Snape
Maggie Smith as Professor McGonagall
Richard Harris as Professor Dumbledore
Ralph Fiennes as Lord Voldemort
Helena Bonham Carter as Bellatrix Lestrange
Gary Oldman as Sirius Black

The 8 movies are:

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone (2001)
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002)
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (2004)
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005)
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007)
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009)
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 1 (2010)
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows – Part 2 (2011)





'Star Wars'

Science Fiction, 1977,
directed by George Lucas

Star Wars is one of the most famous movie sagas in the world. It was created by American filmmaker George Lucas. The first movie came out in 1977, and new Star Wars movies are still being made today!

The story happens "a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away." It's a mix of science fiction and fantasy — with spaceships and laser guns, but also magic powers called "the Force." The Force is an energy that connects everything in the universe. Some people, called Jedi, use the Force for good. Others, called Sith, use it for evil.

The main story follows a big fight between good and evil, told across three trilogies (each trilogy has 3 movies):

The Original Trilogy (1977–1983): A young farm boy named Luke Skywalker discovers he can use the Force. He joins a rebellion to fight against the evil Empire, led by the terrifying Darth Vader.

The Prequel Trilogy (1999–2005): This tells the story of Darth Vader before he turned evil — a young Jedi named Anakin Skywalker, whose story shows how good people can be tempted by fear and anger.

The Sequel Trilogy (2015–2019): A new generation of heroes, like Rey and Finn, must fight against a new evil group called the First Order.



Fun facts:

- The character **Darth Vader**, with his deep breathing sound and blackmask, is one of the most famous villains in movie history.
- The music was composed by **John Williams**, and the main theme is instantly recognizable around the world.
- Star Wars created many now-common phrases, like "**May the Force be with you**" and "**I am your father.**"
- The saga also includes TV shows, books, comics, and video games — it's a huge universe!





Film Reviews: Worksheet

Read the synopses of the films which are featured in 'Action!' (printed on the previous two pages).
Now answer the following questions:

- Have you seen any of these films? If so, which ones?

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- Did you watch them in English or dubbed into Spanish?

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**What are the benefits of watching a film in it's original language?
Think about accents, acting and translation...**

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What are your favourite film genres? And are there any genres you don't like?

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Do you often go to the cinema, or do you prefer to watch films at home?

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When was your last trip to the cinema and what did you watch?

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Describe your favourite film. When did you first watch it and what do you like about it?

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What is the worst film you have ever seen?

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a) Imagine you are a famous film critic. Watch one of these films which are featured in the show and write a short review about it, commenting your personal opinions and reactions to the film.





The Scenes

Charlie and Ronnie perform scenes from several films during the show, with help from members of the audience. Here are their versions of famous scenes from 'The Good, The Bad & The Ugly', 'Casablanca', 'Harry Potter' and 'Star Wars'.

The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

The Characters

- GOOD COWBOY** A good cowboy who is in love with the can-can girl.
- BAD COWBOY** The typical bad guy.
He wants to seduce the can-can girl but he doesn't really love her.
- CAN-CAN GIRL** A dancer at the saloon. She is very pretty.
- BAR TENDER** The person who serves drinks at the saloon.

The Story

This is a scene from a typical western movie, where a good cowboy and a bad cowboy are both interested in the same girl. Their rivalry ends up in a good old-fashioned shoot-out.

It is a typical day at the saloon. The bar tender is serving whiskey at the bar, music is playing and the can-can girl is dancing.

The good cowboy rides into town, gets off his horse and walks into the saloon. He goes to the bar and orders a drink. He tells the can-can girl that he loves her, then sits down to play cards.

The bad cowboy rides into town. He gets off his horse and he shoots his horse. He enters the saloon and orders a whiskey. He tells the can-can girl that he hates her, then sits down to play cards.

The can-can girl sees that the bad cowboy is cheating at the card game, and tells the good cowboy. The two cowboys go outside and a gun fight ensues.



Exercises

Read the story, underline any words that you don't understand and look them up in a dictionary. What do you think the characters say to each other in this scene? Using your own words, write a script for the scene. Finally, in groups of four, choose the best lines from your scripts, rehearse the scene and act it out for the rest of the class.





Casablanca

The Characters

- RICK** An American businessman who owns a bar in Casablanca, Morocco. He moved there after leaving France in 1940, following the German invasion and occupation of Paris.
- ILSA** A beautiful young woman from Norway who had an affair with Rick in Paris. She unexpectedly arrives in Casablanca a year after she had disappeared from Rick's life.
- VICTOR** Ilsa's husband. He is a resistance fighter and is being pursued by the Nazis.
- SAM** Rick's friend, who plays the piano in the bar.

The Story

This classic film tells the story of Rick Blaine, an American who owns a café in Casablanca, Morocco, during World War II. Rick seems cold and doesn't trust anyone, but inside he has a good heart. He came to Casablanca after a sad love story: in Paris, he fell in love with a woman called Ilsa, but she left him and broke his heart.

A year later, in 1941, Rick's café is very successful. Then, one night, Ilsa suddenly walks in — with her husband, Victor Laszlo. Victor is a hero who fights secretly against the Nazis, and the Nazis are chasing him. Victor and Ilsa need special travel documents (called exit visas) to escape: first to Portugal, and then to America. But getting these documents is very difficult and dangerous.

While they wait in Casablanca, Rick finally learns the truth: why Ilsa really left him in Paris, and the real story of her marriage to Victor. Rick and Ilsa clearly still love each other. But in the end, when there is one chance to escape, Rick makes a difficult decision — and makes sure Ilsa leaves with the man she should truly be with.



Vocabulary

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Gin joint | - bar |
| Fancy meeting you | - what a surprise to see you |
| Godforsaken place | - terrible environment |
| Stick my neck out | - take risks |
| Regret | - to feel bad about something later |
| Here's looking at you | - a typical toast for drinking |



Dialogue

- ILSA** Oh Rick, my Nazi-killing husband said that you wouldn't give us the tickets. Why?
- RICK** Why did you break my heart? Why didn't you tell me you had a Nazi-killing husband?
- ILSA** Please, let's forget about the past. Victor's in danger here in Casablanca. The Nazis are looking for him.
- RICK** I don't stick my neck out for anybody!
- ILSA** Come on, Rick... remember Paris?
- RICK** I wouldn't bring up Paris if I were you; it's poor salesmanship.
- ILSA** Kiss me. Kiss me as if it were for the last time.
- RICK** You're just saying that because you want the tickets.
(He pushes her away)
- ILSA** You're making me do this!
(She pulls out a gun and aims at him).
- RICK** Go ahead, I'll make it easy for you.
(He gets closer to her)
- You'd be doing me a favour.
(Ilsa drops the gun)
- ILSA** I just wish I didn't love you so much.
(She goes to Rick and hugs him)
- RICK** Ilsa, stay here with me in Casablanca and let's give the ticket to Victor, your Nazi-killing husband.
- ILSA** Yes, just like in Paris...
(They kiss)





Exercises

Listen to the dramatic love scene between Rick and Ilsa. Now, in pairs, read the dialogue aloud. Can you imitate the actors' accents? Rick is American and Ilsa is Norwegian, but she speaks with a perfect British accent.

Finally, answer the following questions

1) How does Rick feel about Ilsa?

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2) How does Ilsa feel about Rick?

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3) Why do you think she married her husband, Victor?

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4) Do you think Ilsa will stay with Rick in Casablanca? Why/why not?

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5) What would you do if you were Rick or Ilsa?

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6) Do the characters speak the way that people do today? What's different?

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7) Where do you think the scene takes place?

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Song



AS TIME GOES BY

You must remember this
A kiss is just a kiss
A sigh is just a sigh
The fundamental things apply
As time goes by

And when two lovers woo
They still say 'I love you'
On that you can rely
No matter what the future brings
As time goes by

Moonlight and love songs, never out of date
Hearts full of passion, jealousy and hate
Woman needs man and man must have his mate
That noone can deny

It's still the same old story
A fight for love and glory
A case of do or die
The world will always welcome lovers
As time goes by.





The Harry Potter Saga

The Characters



HARRY POTTER — The hero of the story. An orphan boy who discovers he is a famous wizard. Brave, modest, and very good at Quidditch.



HERMIONE GRANGER — Harry's best friend. Her parents are muggles (non-magic people), but she is the cleverest student in the school. She loves books and studying.



DRACO MALFOY — Harry's enemy at school. He comes from a rich, proud wizard family and loves the dark arts. A classic "bad boy".



RON WEASLEY — Harry's other best friend. He comes from a big, poor wizard family with red hair. Funny, loyal, and easily surprised.



PROFESSOR SNAPE — A teacher at Hogwarts. Serious, sarcastic, and dressed in black. He doesn't like Harry very much...



THE SORTING HAT — A magical talking hat. It can read your mind! It decides which school house each new student will join.





The Harry Potter Saga

Harry Potter is a series of seven books by British author J.K. Rowling, made into eight very successful films (2001–2011). Harry, a boy who lives an unhappy life with his aunt and uncle, discovers on his eleventh birthday that he is a wizard. He goes to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where he makes best friends (Hermione and Ron), an enemy (Malfoy), plays a flying sport called Quidditch, and slowly learns the truth about the evil wizard who killed his parents: Lord Voldemort.

The scenes our show spoofs (makes fun of):

The Sorting Ceremony (The Philosopher's Stone): New students put on the Sorting Hat, and it places them in one of four houses: Gryffindor (the brave), Slytherin (the ambitious), Ravenclaw (the clever) or Hufflepuff (the kind). Harry famously begs the Hat: "Not Slytherin!"

Quidditch matches: The famous flying sport played on broomsticks. The most important player tries to catch a small golden flying ball called the Snitch.

Harry's broken arm (The Chamber of Secrets): In one Quidditch match, Harry breaks his arm — and a teacher's spell to fix it goes horribly wrong. Watch carefully for this moment in our show!

EXTRACT FROM THE SCENE

Read this extract from the show. Ronnie and Charlie are performing the Sorting Ceremony.

SNAPE: Next. Draco Malfoy.

(Malfoy walks over to the Sorting Hat and Snape places it on his head.)

HAT: Lucius Malfoy's child, ay. How are you?

MALFOY: I'm a bad boy.

HAT: Hmmmmm... Do you believe in the dark arts?

MALFOY: I'm a bad boy.

HAT: What do you think your fellow students and teachers will think of you?

MALFOY: I'm a bad boy.

HAT: Slytherin it is!



SNAPE: Welcome to Slytherin, Malfoy. Next, Harry Potter.

(Harry walks over to the Sorting Hat nervously and puts it on.)

HAT: Hmm, difficult, very difficult. Plenty of courage, I see. Not a bad mind either. There's talent, oh yes, and a thirst to prove yourself. But where to put you?

POTTER (whispering to himself): Not Slytherin, not Slytherin.

HAT: Not Slytherin, ay? Are you sure? You could be great, you know. It's all here in your head. And Slytherin will help you on the way to greatness!

POTTER (whispering): Anything but Slytherin. Please, please. Anything but Slytherin.

HAT: No? Well, if you're sure... Better be GRYFFINDOR!





The Harry Potter Saga

EXERCISES

A. Comprehension — True or False?

1. The Hat asks Malfoy three questions.
2. Malfoy gives three different answers.
3. Malfoy's father is called Lucius.
4. The Hat thinks Harry has no talent.
5. Harry wants to go to Slytherin.
6. The Hat listens to Harry's choice.



B. Find it in the text

Find a word that means brave (noun). _____

Find a phrase that means a strong desire to show you are good. _____

How can the Hat hear Harry if he is only whispering to himself? _____

Find TWO questions the Hat asks Malfoy. _____

C. Speaking — Say it with feeling!

Malfoy says "I'm a bad boy" three times — always the same words, but a good actor says them differently each time.

In pairs, say "I'm a bad boy" as if you are: (a) very proud, (b) sad, (c) sleepy, (d) terrified, (e) in love.

Your partner guesses the emotion!

D. Role-play — Your turn with the Hat

In pairs: Student A is the Sorting Hat, Student B is a new student. The Hat asks three questions (age? favourite subjects? hobbies?), then chooses a house and gives a reason:

HAT: I will put you in _____ house, because you are too _____!

Then swap roles. Perform your favourite interview for the class.





Star Wars

The Characters

DARTH VADER The most famous villain in cinema history. A dark figure in a black mask and cape, with heavy, noisy breathing. He fights for the “dark side”... but he is hiding a big family secret

LUKE SKYWALKER The young hero of the saga. A farm boy who becomes a Jedi warrior. Brave, a little naive, and (in our show) very proud of his hair.

BABY YODA A small, green, 50-year-old baby alien with big ears and big eyes. He is adorable, mysterious, very powerful... and in our show, always, ALWAYS hungry

The Story

Star Wars is one of the most famous film sagas of all time, created by George Lucas. The first film appeared in 1977, and every episode begins with the same words: “A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...” It tells the story of a galactic war between the evil Empire and the rebel heroes. Luke Skywalker, a young farm boy, learns to use “the Force” — a magical energy — and becomes a Jedi warrior, fighting with a glowing sword called a lightsaber. His greatest enemy is Darth Vader, the terrifying masked servant of the dark side.

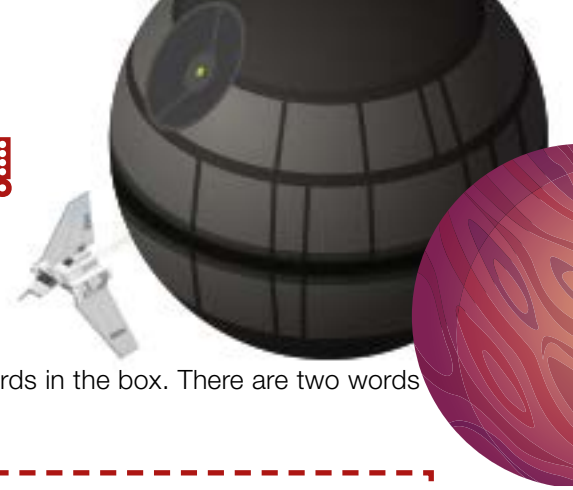
The scenes our show spoofs (makes fun of):

“I am your father” (The Empire Strikes Back, 1980): The most famous plot twist in cinema. During a lightsaber duel, Darth Vader cuts off Luke’s hand and reveals a shocking secret: he is Luke’s father! Luke refuses to believe it: “No... that’s not true! That’s impossible!” Vader replies: “Search your feelings. You know it to be true.”

Lightsaber duels: The spectacular sword fights, with glowing blades and humming sound effects, that appear in every Star Wars film.

Baby Yoda (The Mandalorian, 2019): A cute baby of the same species as the wise old Jedi Master Yoda. He became an internet superstar. (Careful, Star Wars fans: Baby Yoda and Luke are from different stories — our show mixes them for fun!)





Gap Fill: "I Am Your Father"

Listen to the dialogue, then complete the text with the words in the box. There are two words you will not need

DARK · FATHER · FEEL · HAIR · HELMET · HUNGRY · SNACKS · TRUE · TRUTH · SING · IMPORTANT · WRONG · DANCE

VADER: Luke... come to the _____ (1) side!

LUKE: No! Never!

VADER: Stop! Luke... I have something _____ (2) to tell you.

LUKE: Is it about my hair? What's _____ (3) with my hair?

VADER: No.

YODA: Snacks?

VADER: No! Not _____ (4)!

LUKE: Then what is it?

VADER: (dramatic) I am your _____ (5).

LUKE: (Beat) No.

VADER: Yes.

LUKE: No. I already have a father.

VADER: That was me.

LUKE: But he had _____ (6).

VADER: I had hair.

LUKE: (to Yoda) Did he have hair?

YODA: No.

LUKE: (to Vader) Prove it.

VADER: I... cannot take off the _____ (7) right now.

LUKE: Ha! Convenient. What do you think, Yoda? Is he telling the _____ (8)?

YODA: No.

VADER: (panicking) Search your feelings, you know it to be _____ (9)! What do you _____ (10)?

LUKE: (pausing to search his feelings) I feel... _____ (11)!

YODA: Snacks!

VADER: No snacks!





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A Happy Ending

The Characters

(Ronnie and Charlie finish their performance and the celebrities applaud)

CHARLIE & RONNIE: *(taking a bow)* Thank you! Thank you very much!

POLICE: This is the LA police. We are giving you your final warning, come out of the theatre with your hands up or you will be shot.

CHARLIE: *(defeated)* Come on Ronnie we had better go.

RONNIE: Okay, honey. Goodbye everybody, it was nice to meet you...

(they say goodbye to the celebrities as they leave)

VOICEOVER: Attention, attention! Members of the academy. In an urgent meeting, the film academy of Hollywood, California has decided to award the Oscar for best screen couple to Ronnie Brown and Charlie Taylor! Let's give them a warm round of applause!

Listen to this scene from the end of the show, as Charlie and Ronnie are presented with their Oscar award.

Do you think they deserve the Oscar? Why/why not?

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'Action' is a fun play, but of course it's only fiction. What do you think would really happen if two actors interrupted the Oscars with a gun?

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What else could Charlie and Ronnie have done to improve their acting careers?

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If you wanted to become an actor, what would you do?

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Film History Timeline



The zoopraxiscope, invented by William Lincoln, was the first machine registered in the USA that showed animated pictures or movies. Moving photographs or drawings were watched through a slit in the zoopraxiscope.

1867



The Edison company successfully demonstrated the kinetoscope, which allowed one person to view moving pictures at a time.

1891



Louis Lumiere and his brother were the first to present projected, moving, photographic pictures to a paying audience. This can be considered the birth of cinema as we know it today. Their first film 'Sortie de l'usine Lumière de Lyon' (Workers Leaving the Lumière factory in Lyon), shot in 1894, is considered the first true motion picture, although Louis Le Prince's 1888 'Roundhay Garden Scene' pre-dates it by seven years.

1895



A Frenchman named Louis Lumiere invented a portable motion-picture camera, film processing unit and projector called the Cinematographe; three functions in one invention.

1903



The first silent movie was produced by Thomas Edison and directed and filmed by Edwin S. Porter. It is called 'The Great Train Robbery' and was the first narrative movie that told a story. This is the beginning of the era of 'silent movies'.

1927



The first feature length film with synchronized sound, 'The Jazz Singer' was created by Warner Brothers and directed by Alan Crosland. It marks the beginning of the era of 'talking pictures' or 'talkies'.

1930



'Showgirl In Hollywood' is the first film to use microphones to record the actors whilst they are being filmed.



SCHOOL

Film Quiz

So you think you know about films? Take our general knowledge quiz to test your expertise!

1. In which country is the classic film 'Casablanca' (1942) set?

- a) France
- b) America
- c) Morocco

2. What dangerous animal is the film 'Jaws' (1975) about?

- a) A crocodile
- b) A lion
- c) A shark

3. In 'Star Wars', who teaches Luke Skywalker the ways of the Jedi?

- a) Obi-Wan Kenobi
- b) Darth Vader
- c) Princess Leia

4. In 'Toy Story' (1995), what is the name of the cowboy toy?

- a) Buzz
- b) Woody
- c) Rex

5. In the 1997 film 'Titanic', who starred alongside Leonardo DiCaprio?

- a) Kate Winslet
- b) Keira Knightley
- c) Halle Berry

6. What is the name of Harry Potter's school?

- a) Dumbledore
- b) Hogwarts
- c) Hagrid Towers

7. In the film 'Avatar' (2009), what is the name of the blue aliens' planet?

- a) Pandora
- b) Krypton

c) Tatooine

8. In 'Frozen' (2013), what magical power does Elsa have?

- a) She can fly
- b) She can create ice and snow
- c) She can read minds

9. In 'Avengers: Endgame' (2019), who is the villain the superheroes must defeat?

- a) Loki
- b) Thanos
- c) The Joker

10. Which actor plays Spider-Man in the recent films, including 'Spider-Man: No Way Home' (2021)?

- a) Tobey Maguire
- b) Andrew Garfield
- c) Tom Holland

11. In 'Top Gun: Maverick' (2022), Tom Cruise plays which kind of hero?

- a) A racing driver
- b) A fighter pilot
- c) An astronaut

12. The film 'Encanto' (2021) is about the magical Madrigal family. In which country do they live?

- a) Colombia
- b) Italy
- c) Japan

13. In the film 'Barbie' (2023), which actress plays Barbie?

- a) Zendaya
- b) Margot Robbie
- c) Emma Stone

Add up your total score to see which type of film fan you are!

11-13: Total Expert

You know your films inside out!

8-10: Film Fan

You know a fair bit about films.

5-7: Movies? Maybe...

Not really your thing!

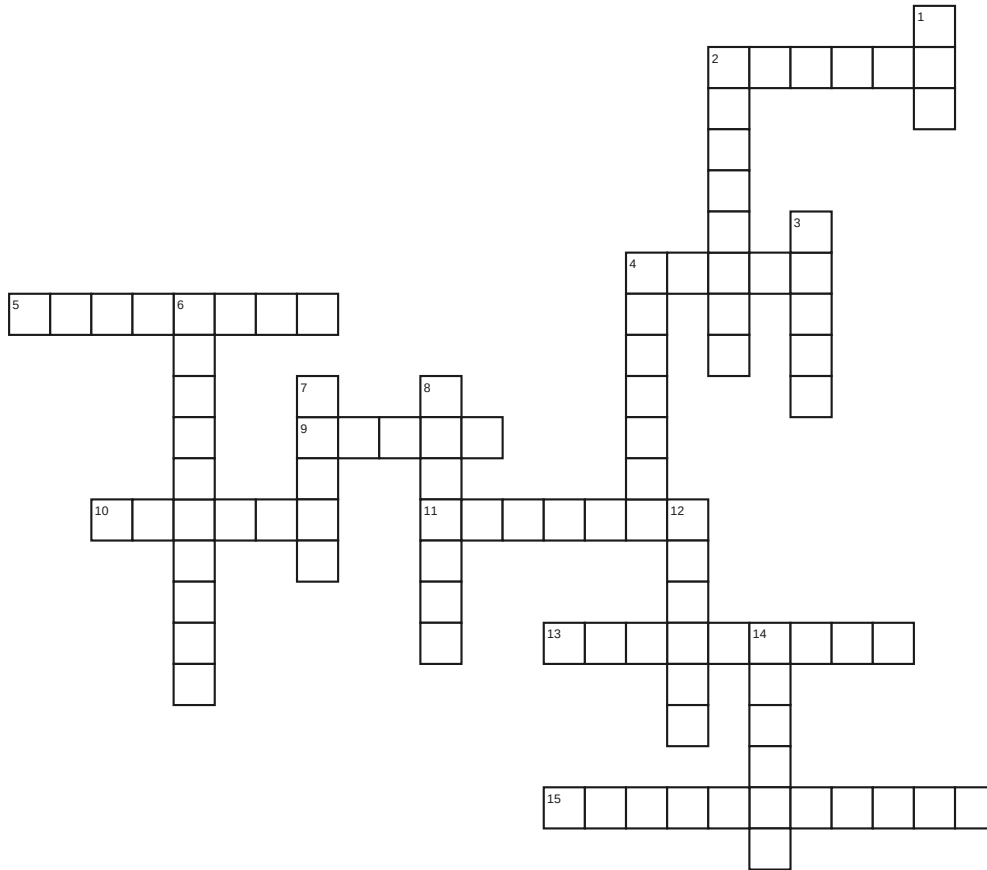
0-4: Holly... where?

Have you been to the cinema?





Crossword



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4 Magical sticks used by witches and wizards to cast spells.

5 The person who directs a film.

9 A person whose job is acting.

10 People whose job it is to enforce law and order.

11 The assignment of parts to actors or performers, usually through an interview or audition.

13 American town where films are made and a lot of celebrities live.

15 Famous people.

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3 A small statue given by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to the winners of it's annual awards.

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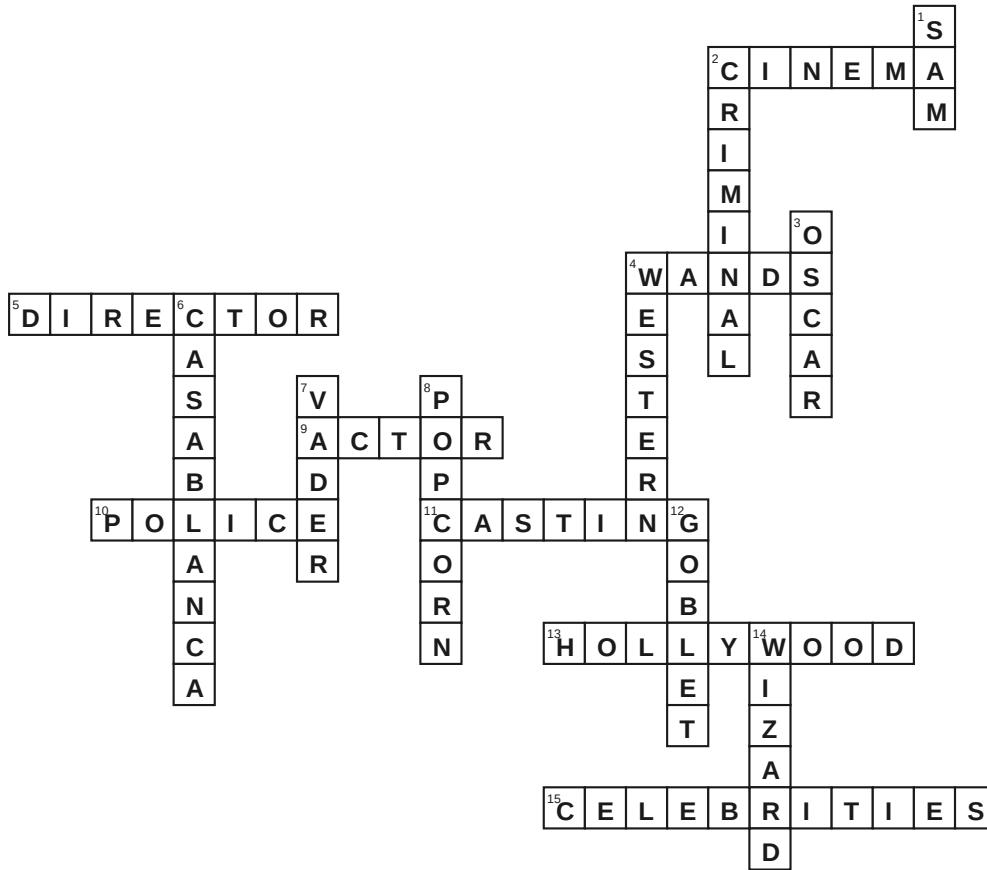
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Answers

Oscar Night! / page 6 / Audio Track 2

- 1) The scene takes place at the Academy Awards ceremony.
- 2) Ronnie and Charlie are actors
- 3) They are very famous
- 4) Charlie is happy that famous people always win Oscars.
- 5) They want to steal money from the celebrities
- 6) Charlie has acted in hundreds of important film roles.
- 7) They want to prove they are good actors

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Comprehension Worksheet / page 9

a) Reading for General Meaning:

- Who are the main characters in the story? Name at least two.

Ronnie Brown and Charlie Taylor, the presenter, celebrities and the police

- Where does the story happen?

At the Oscars ceremony in Hollywood

- Is the ending happy or sad? Happy

b) Reading for Specific Information:

- Which films do Charlie and Ronnie perform scenes from? Name five:

'The Good, The Bad & The Ugly', 'Casablanca', 'Harry Potter', 'Star Wars', 'Pirates of the Caribbean', 'Jurassic Park', 'IT', 'Jaws', 'Scream', 'Lord of the Rings'

- How long has Charlie been acting for? 20 years

- Which actors from the film 'Casablanca' do Charlie and Ronnie pretend to be?

Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman

- Which character from 'Star Wars' does Charlie play?

Darth Vader

c) True or False?

- 1) Charlie and Ronnie are good singers
- 2) They have a suitcase full of props
- 3) Their favourite film is 'Harry Potter'
- 4) The play takes place in Los Angeles, America
- 5) The police shoot and kill Charlie and Ronnie
- 6) The police arrest Charlie and Ronnie
- 7) Charlie and Ronnie win an Oscar

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(T)	F
(T)	F





Casablanca Dialogue / page 18

1) How does Rick feel about Ilsa?

He loves her but she broke his heart

2) How does Ilsa feel about Rick?

She loves him

3) Why do you think she married her husband, Victor?

Safety/security

Questions 4-7 ask for the students' personal opinions; there is no right or wrong answer.

Harry Potter / page 22

A. Comprehension — True or False?

1. The Hat asks Malfoy three questions. **T**
2. Malfoy gives three different answers. **F**
3. Malfoy's father is called Lucius. **T**
4. The Hat thinks Harry has no talent. **F**
5. Harry wants to go to Slytherin. **F**
6. The Hat listens to Harry's choice. **T**

B. Find it in the text

Find a word that means brave (noun). courage

Find a phrase that means a strong desire to show you are good. _____

a thirst to prove yourself

How can the Hat hear Harry if he is only whispering to himself? _____

because the hat can read his mind

Find TWO questions the Hat asks Malfoy. _____

How are you?

Do you believe in the dark arts?

What do you think your fellow students and teachers will think of you?





Star Wars Dialogue: Gap Fill / page 24 / Audio Track 5

Answer key:

1-dark, 2-important, 3-wrong, 4-snacks, 5-father, 6-hair, 7-helmet, 8-truth, 9-true, 10-feel, 11-hungry

Film quiz: / page 27

1-c, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b, 5-a, 6-b, 7-a, 8-b, 9-b, 10-c, 11-b, 12-a, 13-b



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