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3D movie 'Avatar' to change Hollywood

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A top movie director has made a movie that will change Hollywood forever. His name is James Cameron. He directed another huge movie called 'Titanic' in 1997. His new film is called 'Avatar'. It's in 3D and everyone is talking about it. Movie theatres have released a 16-minute preview of the film. Movie-goers in America say the film looks great. One person who saw it, Ryan Gillon, said: "I was pretty impressed, especially technologically." Everyone is looking forward to the release of the full version in December.

'Avatar' looks like being one of the most important movies ever. James Cameron spent over 15 years making it. This film might be the one to make 3D a big hit. There were a few 3D films in the 1980s, but they weren't so popular. We will still need to wear 3D glasses to see Avatar. Hopefully, one day, there will be technology that means we don't need these. I can't wait for 4D movies to come. They would be amazing. You feel and experience the things in the movie. And 5D would be the best, but I can't imagine what it would be like.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A top | a. called 'Titanic' |
| 2. another huge movie | b. preview of the film |
| 3. It's in | c. to the release |
| 4. a 16-minute | d. impressed |
| 5. I was pretty | e. movie director |
| 6. Everyone is looking forward | f. 3D |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. one of the most important | a. so popular |
| 2. the one to make 3D | b. would be like |
| 3. they weren't | c. wait |
| 4. I can't | d. movies ever |
| 5. experience the things | e. a big hit |
| 6. I can't imagine what it | f. in the movie |

LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/0908/090824-avator.html>

A top movie director has made a movie _____ Hollywood forever. His name is James Cameron. He directed _____ called 'Titanic' in 1997. His new film is called 'Avatar'. It's in 3D and everyone is _____. Movie theatres have released a 16-minute preview of the film. Movie-goers in America say _____. One person who saw it, Ryan Gillon, said: "I _____, especially technologically." Everyone is looking forward to the release _____ in December.

'Avatar' looks like _____ most important movies ever. James Cameron spent over 15 years making it. This film _____ make 3D a big hit. There were a few 3D films in the 1980s, but they _____. We will still _____ glasses to see Avatar. Hopefully, one day, there will be technology _____ don't need these. I can't wait for 4D movies to come. They would be amazing. You feel and experience the things in the movie. And 5D would be the best, but I _____ it would be like.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A (1) _____ movie director has made a movie that will change Hollywood forever. His name is James Cameron. He directed another (2) _____ movie called 'Titanic' in 1997. His new film is called 'Avatar'. It's (3) _____ 3D and everyone is talking about it. Movie theatres have released a 16-minute preview of the film. Movie-goers in America say the film (4) _____ great. One person who saw it, Ryan Gillon, said: "I was pretty impressed, especially technologically." Everyone is (5) _____ forward to the release of the full version in December.

'Avatar' looks like (6) _____ one of the most important movies ever. James Cameron spent over 15 years making it. This film might be the one to make 3D a big hit. There were a (7) _____ 3D films in the 1980s, but they weren't so popular. We will still need to wear 3D glasses to see Avatar. (8) _____, one day, there will be technology that means we don't need these. I can't wait for 4D movies (9) _____ come. They would be (10) _____. You feel and experience the things in the movie. And 5D would be the best, but I can't imagine what it would be like.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) topic | (b) top | (c) topping |
| 2. | (a) huge | (b) hug | (c) hugely |
| 3. | (a) of | (b) in | (c) by |
| 4. | (a) looking | (b) look | (c) looks |
| 5. | (a) looking | (b) look | (c) looks |
| 6. | (a) being | (b) be | (c) been |
| 7. | (a) couple | (b) few | (c) various |
| 8. | (a) Hoping | (b) Hopes | (c) Hopefully |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) for | (c) to |
| 10. | (a) amazed | (b) amazing | (c) amazement |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. A top movie rtcdeiro
2. eoeevnry is talking about it
3. a 16-minute ievpwer
4. the film looks rgtae
5. I was ettyrp impressed
6. the full vsrnoei

Paragraph 2

7. the most nmipatotr movies
8. Cameron ptesn over 15 years
9. weren't so ruoplpa
10. there will be tyhegcloon
11. They would be zinaagm
12. I can't iaingme

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () is talking about it. Movie theatres have released a 16-minute preview of the film. Movie-goers in America
- () 1980s, but they weren't so popular. We will still need to wear 3D glasses to see Avatar. Hopefully, one
- () impressed, especially technologically." Everyone is looking forward to the release of the full version in December.
- () years making it. This film might be the one to make 3D a big hit. There were a few 3D films in the
- () say the film looks great. One person who saw it, Ryan Gillon, said: "I was pretty
- () directed another huge movie called 'Titanic' in 1997. His new film is called 'Avatar'. It's in 3D and everyone
- () 'Avatar' looks like being one of the most important movies ever. James Cameron spent over 15
- () day, there will be technology that means we don't need these. I can't wait for 4-D movies to come. They would be
- (**1**) A top movie director has made a movie that will change Hollywood forever. His name is James Cameron. He
- () amazing. You feel and experience the things in the movie. And 5D would be the best, but I can't imagine what it would be like.

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. that movie A forever Hollywood change will.

2. He called directed another 'Titanic' huge movie.

3. is it in everyone about It's and talking 3D.

4. a released have Theatres film the of preview 16-minute

5. looking is Everyone release the to forward.

6. Cameron it making years 15 over spent.

7. There few in a films 1980s were 3D the.

8. need to We wear will 3D still glasses.

9. come I can't wait for 4D movies to.

10. it I would can't be imagine like what.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about the movie 'Avatar'. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about movies. Include imaginary interviews with actors and movie fans. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to James Cameron. Ask him three questions about his movie 'Avatar'. Give him three of your opinions on movies. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.