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Disney stops making “The Lone Ranger”

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Disney has stopped making its latest movie "The Lone Ranger". Hollywood newspaper reporters say it is because the film is too expensive. They believe Disney bosses do not want to spend more than \$200 million on the film. There are reports that the movie could cost around \$250 million. Disney bosses have not said if or when they might change their mind. The movie's producers are thinking about taking the project to a cheaper film studio. Another option is to film it at a later date with a smaller budget.

Top Hollywood actor Johnny Depp was going to be the main star of "The Lone Ranger". He was going to play Tonto – the partner of the Lone Ranger. Filming was going to start in October in New Mexico. It was going to play in cinemas in December 2012. The Lone Ranger is about a cowboy fighting the bad guys in 19th-century America. It started as a popular radio show in the US in the 1930s. It then became a world-famous TV series from 1949 to 1957. He was a hero to millions of children around the world.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. making its latest | a. expensive |
| 2. the film is too | b. date |
| 3. spend more than | c. their mind |
| 4. they might change | d. film studio |
| 5. taking the project to a cheaper | e. movie |
| 6. film it at a later | f. \$200 million |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the main | a. of the Lone Ranger |
| 2. the partner | b. star |
| 3. Filming was going to | c. the bad guys |
| 4. play in cinemas | d. series |
| 5. a cowboy fighting | e. start in October |
| 6. a world-famous TV | f. in December 2012 |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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Disney has stopped _____ movie "The Lone Ranger". Hollywood newspaper reporters say it is because the film _____. They believe Disney bosses do not want to spend more than \$200 million on the film. There are reports that the movie _____ \$250 million. Disney bosses have not said if or when they might _____. The movie's producers are thinking about _____ to a cheaper film studio. Another option is to film it _____ with a smaller budget.

Top Hollywood actor Johnny Depp was _____ main star of "The Lone Ranger". He was going to play Tonto – the partner of the Lone Ranger. Filming was _____ October in New Mexico. It was going to play in cinemas in December 2012. The Lone Ranger is about a cowboy fighting _____ 19th-century America. It started as a _____ in the US in the 1930s. It then became a world-famous _____ 1949 to 1957. He was a hero to _____ around the world.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Disney has (1) _____ making its latest movie "The Lone Ranger". Hollywood newspaper reporters say it is because the film is (2) _____ expensive. They believe Disney bosses do not want to (3) _____ more than \$200 million on the film. There are reports that the movie could cost around \$250 million. Disney bosses have not said if or when they might change their (4) _____. The movie's producers are (5) _____ about taking the project to a cheaper film studio. Another option is to film it at a (6) _____ date with a smaller budget.

Top Hollywood actor Johnny Depp was going to be the (7) _____ star of "The Lone Ranger". He was going to play Tonto – the (8) _____ of the Lone Ranger. Filming was going to start in October in New Mexico. It was going to (9) _____ in cinemas in December 2012. The Lone Ranger is about a cowboy fighting the bad guys in 19th-century America. It started (10) _____ a popular radio show in the US in the 1930s. It then became a world-famous TV (11) _____ from 1949 to 1957. He was a hero (12) _____ millions of children around the world.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) stopped | (b) stopping | (c) stops |
| 2. | (a) to | (b) much | (c) too |
| 3. | (a) buy | (b) spend | (c) purchase |
| 4. | (a) brain | (b) mind | (c) head |
| 5. | (a) thinking | (b) thoughts | (c) thinkers |
| 6. | (a) earlier | (b) soon | (c) later |
| 7. | (a) pain | (b) main | (c) gain |
| 8. | (a) partner | (b) partnership | (c) partners |
| 9. | (a) game | (b) play | (c) drama |
| 10. | (a) was | (b) has | (c) as |
| 11. | (a) cereal | (b) serious | (c) series |
| 12. | (a) to | (b) as | (c) if |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. making its esltta movie
2. newspaper ptersroer
3. the film is too eeiepnvsx
4. might canehg their mind
5. Another pintoo
6. a smaller geudbt

Paragraph 2

7. the rnptrae of the Lone Ranger
8. play in sniemac in December
9. a cowboy hitnggfi the bad guys
10. a apoulrp radio show
11. TV essrie
12. a hero to illoimnsn

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to play Tonto – the partner of the Lone Ranger. Filming was going to start in October in
- () New Mexico. It was going to play in cinemas in December 2012. The Lone Ranger is about a cowboy fighting
- () about taking the project to a cheaper film studio. Another
- () if or when they might change their mind. The movie’s producers are thinking
- () Top Hollywood actor Johnny Depp was going to be the main star of “The Lone Ranger”. He was going
- () the bad guys in 19th-century America. It started as a popular radio show in the US
- () in the 1930s. It then became a world-famous TV series from 1949 to 1957. He was
- () reporters say it is because the film is too expensive. They believe Disney bosses do not want to spend
- () more than \$200 million on the film. There are reports that the movie could cost around \$250 million. Disney bosses have not said
- () a hero to millions of children around the world.
- (**1**) Disney has stopped making its latest movie “The Lone Ranger”. Hollywood newspaper
- () option is to film it at a later date with a smaller budget.

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

1. latest its making stopped has Disney movie.

2. because expensive the film It is is too.

3. than more spend to want not do Bosses million \$200.

4. around The \$ movie 250 could million cost.

5. smaller budget Film it at a later date with a.

6. the main star. Actor Johnny Depp was going to be

7. start going Filming in to was October.

8. 19th-century in guys bad the fighting cowboy A America.

9. It a famous became - series then world TV.

10. He millions was of a children hero to.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about Disney movies for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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. DISNEY MOVIES: Search the Internet and find more information about Disney movies. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Disney movies. Include imaginary an interview with a famous actor. 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 a Hollywood producer. Ask him/her three questions about movies. Give him/her three of your opinions on Disney movies. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.