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## Hobbit fans gather at New Zealand cinema

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

The new fantasy movie "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" had its world premiere in New Zealand's capital Wellington. Tens of thousands of Hobbit fans went to the theater to try to see the film's stars. The movie is based on J.R.R. Tolkien's classic of the same name. It cost \$500 million to make the movie. However, not everyone is happy. Animal rights group PETA say that over 27 animals died making the film. Director Peter Jackson said not a single animal died.

New Zealand will make a lot of money from "The Hobbit". The country's tourism businesses will see many new visitors next year. "The Unexpected Journey" is the first of three Hobbit movies planned by Peter Jackson. Hopefully, he will listen to the people who said animals died. The movie's makers should be much kinder to animals in the next movies. The movie will make a lot of money, so they should spend more on looking after the animals. More people will see the movies if this happens.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                              |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The new fantasy           | a. hobbit fans        |
| 2. New Zealand's             | b. the film's stars   |
| 3. Tens of thousands of      | c. movie              |
| 4. Try to see                | d. classic            |
| 5. 27 animals died           | e. making the film    |
| 6. Based on J.R.R. Tolkien's | f. capital Wellington |

## Paragraph 2

- |                             |                      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. New Zealand will make a  | a. said animals died |
| 2. first of three Hobbit    | b. lot of money      |
| 3. see many new visitors    | c. to animals        |
| 4. More people will         | d. next year         |
| 5. listen to the people who | e. see the movies    |
| 6. be much kinder           | f. movies planned    |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

The new (1) \_\_\_\_\_ "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" had its (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in New Zealand's capital Wellington. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of Hobbit fans went to the theater to try to see the film's stars. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_ J.R.R. Tolkien's classic of the same name. It cost \$500 million to make the movie. However, not everyone is happy. Animal rights group PETA say that (5) \_\_\_\_\_ making the film. Director Peter Jackson said (6) \_\_\_\_\_ died.

New Zealand will (7) \_\_\_\_\_ money from "The Hobbit". The country's (8) \_\_\_\_\_ will see many new visitors next year. "The Unexpected Journey" is the first of three (9) \_\_\_\_\_ by Peter Jackson. Hopefully, he will listen to the people who said animals died. The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ much kinder in the next movies. The movie will make a lot of money, so they (11) \_\_\_\_\_ looking after the animals. More (12) \_\_\_\_\_ movies if this happens.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

The new (1) \_\_\_\_\_ movie "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" had its (2) \_\_\_\_\_ premiere in New Zealand's capital Wellington. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of thousands of Hobbit fans went to the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to try to see the film's (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The movie is based on J.R.R. Tolkien's classic of the same name. It cost \$500 million to make the movie. However, not (6) \_\_\_\_\_ is happy. Animal rights group PETA say that over 27 animals died making the film. Director Peter Jackson said not a single animal died.

New Zealand will make a lot of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from "The Hobbit". The country's tourism (8) \_\_\_\_\_ will see many new (9) \_\_\_\_\_ next year. "The Unexpected Journey" is the first of three Hobbit movies planned by Peter Jackson. Hopefully, he will listen to the people who said animals (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The movie's makers should be much (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to animals in the next movies. The movie will make a lot of money, so they should spend more on looking (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the animals. More people will see the movies if this happens.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

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|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) final      | (b) fantasy    | (c) fantastic |
| 2.  | (a) universal  | (b) space      | (c) world     |
| 3.  | (a) tens       | (b) ones       | (c) eights    |
| 4.  | (a) mountain   | (b) theater    | (c) park      |
| 5.  | (a) sun        | (b) stars      | (c) moon      |
| 6.  | (a) everyone   | (b) they       | (c) we        |
| 7.  | (a) hobbit     | (b) movies     | (c) money     |
| 8.  | (a) busybodies | (b) businesses | (c) busy bees |
| 9.  | (a) movies     | (b) money      | (c) visitors  |
| 10. | (a) dead       | (b) die        | (c) died      |
| 11. | (a) kindness   | (b) kind       | (c) kinder    |
| 12. | (a) past       | (b) next       | (c) after     |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

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2. world mereerip
3. New Zealand's taaipcl Wellington
4. Tens of dthunsosa
5. J.R.R. Tolkien's cslcisa
6. vHroewe, not everyone is happy

## Paragraph 2

7. Country's tourism sseibuessn
8. Many new sostiriv next year
9. first of three Hobbit movies eandpnl
10. ylopeuflH, he will listen
11. should be much enkdri to animals
12. see the movies if this nphspea

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) businesses will see many new visitors next year. "The Unexpected Journey" is the first of
- ( ) fans went to the theater to try to see the film's stars. The movie is based
- ( ) movies. The movie will make a lot of money, so they should spend more on looking
- ( ) premiere in New Zealand's capital Wellington. Tens of thousands of Hobbit
- ( ) three Hobbit movies planned by Peter Jackson. Hopefully, he will listen to the people who said animals
- ( ) after the animals. More people will see the movies if this happens.
- ( ) on J.R.R. Tolkien's classic of the same name. It cost \$500 million to make the movie. However, not
- ( ) died. The movie's makers should be much kinder to animals in the next
- ( ) making the film. Director Peter Jackson said not a single animal died.
- ( ) New Zealand will make a lot of money from "The Hobbit". The country's tourism
- ( **1** ) The new fantasy movie "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" had its world
- ( ) everyone is happy. Animal rights group PETA say that over 27 animals died

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

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

1. fantasy new The " . Hobbit The " movie.

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2. New in premiere world its Had capital Zealand's.

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3. went to the theater Tens of thousands of Hobbit fans.

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4. , everyone happy However not is.

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5. Jackson Peter died animal single not said. a

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6. many new Businesses visitors will next see year.

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7. three of first The planned movies Hobbit.

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8. the died people who Listen said to animals.

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9. next Be to the kinder in movies much animals.

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10. movies happens people the this More see if will.

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## **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

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1212/121201-hobbit.html>

**Write about The Hobbit for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# 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. THE HOBBIT:** Search the Internet and find more information about The Hobbit. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the movie. Include an imaginary interview with Peter Jackson and a Hobbit fan. 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 Hobbit expert. Ask him/her three questions about Hobbits. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.