
Harry's latest film

WORKSHEET A

Millions of people have seen the latest Harry Potter film, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, since it came out in July this year, and just like the readers of the Harry Potter books, the cinema audiences have included children, teenagers and adults.

The *Half-Blood Prince* is the sixth Harry Potter film and is based on the sixth in the series of seven books written by the author J. K. Rowling. The story of the final book, the *Deathly Hallows*, is going to be told in not one but two films, which will come out in 2010 and 2011.

In some ways the *Half-Blood Prince* is just like the other stories; Harry is again the hero fighting against the forces of evil, a lot of the action takes place at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, and there are familiar things such as the game of quidditch (a bit like football, although it is played in the sky and the players ride on broomsticks!).

One of the differences with this film is that we see less of the evil wizard Lord Voldemort, but there is still a lot of evil in the story – in fact most film critics say the *Half-Blood Prince* feels ‘darker’ than the other films because you can feel the presence of Voldemort most of the time.

This is certainly true at the beginning of the film when there is a spectacular attack on London by Voldemort’s followers, the Death Eaters. Like a few other things in the film this was not in the book of the *Half-Blood Prince*, and might therefore be a surprise for many Harry Potter fans.

Another difference is that the film spends more time looking at the relationships between the pupils at Hogwarts. Harry, Ron, Hermione and the others are now teenagers rather than children – there is even a little romance in the story, but this isn’t the place to give details!

Filming for the *Deathly Hallows* has already started and will probably finish before the end of 2009. Daniel Radcliffe, the nineteen-year-old actor who has become famous all around the world by playing the role of Harry Potter since the age of eleven, recently said he will be ‘very, very sad’ when the series of films ends, but also excited because he will be able to play different roles.

Harry's latest film

WORKSHEET B

Exercise 1

Match the words (1-14) from the text on Worksheet A with the definitions (A-M).

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 come out | A an actor's part in a film or play |
| 2 evil | B amazing or exciting to look at |
| 3 fan | C piece of information, fact |
| 4 follower | D someone who likes, admires or supports a person, sport, sports team, etc |
| 5 role | E a man with magical powers |
| 6 pupil | F the writer of a book |
| 7 critic | G someone who is having lessons in something (especially a child at school) |
| 8 spectacular | H something that someone did not expect |
| 9 wizard | I (for a book, CD, film, etc) to become available for people to buy or see |
| 10 latest | J someone who agrees with, admires or supports another person, and/or does what that person tells them to do |
| 11 author | K easy to recognise because you have seen it before |
| 12 surprise | L newest, most recent |
| 13 detail | M extremely bad, cruel or unpleasant |
| 14 familiar | N someone whose job is to say what they think about something – especially books, plays, films, etc |

Harry's latest film

Exercise 2

Team A

Here are the answers to some questions about the text on Worksheet A, but what are the questions? When you have prepared the questions, Team B will have to answer them as part of a quiz.

1. It's called *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.
2. It came out in July this year.
3. They are Voldemort's followers.
4. The last Harry Potter films will come out in 2010 and 2011.
5. He will be excited because he will be able to play other roles.
6. They attack London at the beginning of the film.
7. They say it is 'darker' than the other Harry Potter films?
8. He was eleven.

.....

Team B

Here are the answers to some questions about the text on Worksheet A, but what are the questions? When you have prepared the questions, Team A will have to answer them as part of a quiz.

1. There are seven Harry Potter books.
2. He is an evil wizard.
3. It might be a surprise for fans because it was not in the *Half-Blood Prince* book.
4. He is the actor who plays the role of Harry Potter.
5. Harry, Ron and Hermione are teenagers now.
6. Filming for the *Deathly Hallows* will probably finish before the end of 2009.
7. He is nineteen now.
8. We see less of Voldemort in the film.