

Up

WORKSHEET A

Up is the **latest** animated film from the Pixar studios, the makers of *Toy Story* (1995), *Finding Nemo* (2003) and *Wall-E* (2008).

It is similar to some other recent animations, such as *Wall-E*, in the sense that it is moving as well as funny (at times it's difficult not to **shed a tear**) and **appeals to** both adults and children.

The main characters in *Up* are Carl Fredricksen, a 78-year-old man who lives alone after the death of his wife Ellie, and Russell, an eight-year-old 'Wilderness Explorer' (similar to a **boy scout**).

Carl is grumpy and **unsociable**, although we see at the start of the film that he hasn't always been like that. As a young couple, **inspired by** films about a famous **explorer** called Charles F. Muntz, he and Ellie dreamed of going on an **adventure** in South America. Various problems **got in the way**, however, so their **dream never came true**. Nor, sadly, were they able to have children.

Now an old and lonely man, things are getting worse for Carl because **property developers** want to knock down his house and, after an **incident** involving a builder, a local **court** decides he is a danger to the public and orders him to move to a **retirement home**.

The **enthusiastic** Russell enters Carl's life when he turns up at his house wanting to get a Wilderness Explorer **badge** by '**assisting the elderly**' – but Carl doesn't want his help.

The **fantasy** part of the film begins when Carl thinks of a way he can stay in his house but escape from his problems: he **ties** thousands of balloons to the house so that it **floats** up into the sky!

He finds out he is not alone, though – Russell was still on his **porch** when the house left the ground.

The house flies away to South America, where Carl and Russell meet characters such as a talking dog and an **enormous** tropical bird. They also meet Charles F. Muntz, now also an old man, who turns out to be much less **admirable** than Carl once thought.

There is a lot of **action**, and the journey is emotional as well as geographical (Will Carl learn to like Russell? Might he rediscover a part of his character that seemed to **fade** as he got older and disappear after Ellie's death?), but this isn't the place to **give away** the rest of the story!

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WORKSHEET B

Exercise 1

Here are some simple definitions for words that appear in the text on Worksheet A. Find the words they refer to and fill in the gaps.

1. w _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (noun) an area of land where people do not live or grow crops and where there are no buildings
2. t _ _ _ (noun) a drop of liquid that comes from your eye when you cry
3. m _ _ _ _ _ (adjective) something that makes you feel strong emotions
4. c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (noun) a person in a book, play, film, etc
5. c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (noun) personality
6. r _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (verb) to find something that has been lost for a long time
7. g _ _ _ _ _ (adjective) unhappy and dissatisfied, often for no obvious reason
8. b _ _ _ _ _ _ (verb) a bag of thin rubber (often brightly coloured) that you fill with air, often used as a child's toy or as a decoration
9. t _ _ _ _ _ (verb) to arrive somewhere (often unexpectedly)
10. to t _ _ _ _ _ _ (verb) to be/have something means to be discovered to be/have something

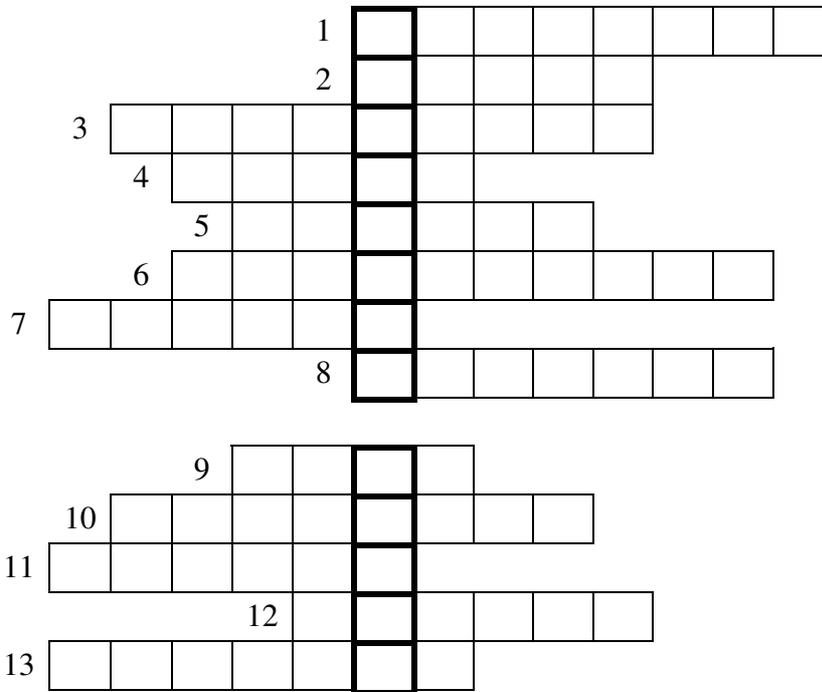
Exercise 2

Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F), or if the text doesn't say (D).

1. The enormous tropical bird in *Up* is very colourful.
2. The character Russell is a child.
3. *Finding Nemo* is moving as well as funny.
4. Carl had a son and a daughter with Ellie.
5. Carl's house floats up into the sky by accident.
6. Carl and Ellie did not manage to have an adventure in South America together.
7. At times it is difficult not to cry when watching *Up*.
8. Carl's character has changed during his life.

Exercise 3

Complete the crossword below. If all the words are correct, the name of the waterfall in South America that Carl and Russell travel to in *Up* will read from top to bottom.



1. Carl's house is in danger from _____ developers.
2. Carl lives _____ in his house.
3. Carl finds out that Charles F. Muntz is not really an _____ man.
4. We see in the film that the _____ Carl once had with his wife Ellie might come true in an unusual way.
5. Wilderness Explorers can get _____ for doing different things.
6. After the incident with the builder it seems Carl might have to go into a _____ home.
7. Charles F. Muntz is a _____ explorer.
8. Carl is an _____ man.
9. Carl's _____ is dead.
10. When we first see Carl as an old man, he is not a _____ person.
11. *Up* doesn't only _____ to children.
12. With thousands of balloons tied to it, Carl's house _____ away to South America.
13. A house travelling through the sky is one of the elements of _____ in *Up*.