
Harry's latest movie

WORKSHEET A

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

The *Half-Blood Prince* is the sixth Harry Potter movie, 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 movies, 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* (sort of like soccer, although it is played in the sky and the players ride on broomsticks!).

One of the differences with this movie 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 movie critics say the *Half-Blood Prince* feels “darker” than the other movies because you can feel the presence of Voldemort most of the time.

This is certainly true at the beginning of the movie, when there is a spectacular attack on London by Voldemort's followers, the “Death Eaters.” Like a few other things in the movie, 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 movie spends more time looking at the relationships between the students 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 be finished 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 movies ends, but also excited because he will be able to play different roles.

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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 movie 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 student	F the writer of a book
7 critic	G someone who is learning something (especially someone who goes to school)
8 spectacular	H something that someone did not expect
9 wizard	I (for a book, CD, movie, 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 recognize 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, movies, etc.

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WORKSHEET C

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.
 3. They are Voldemort's followers.
 4. The last Harry Potter movies 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 movie.
 7. They say it is "darker" than the other Harry Potter movies.
 8. He was eleven.
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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 of them.
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 in the *Half-Blood Prince*.
6. Filming for the *Deathly Hallows* will probably be finished before the end of 2009.
7. He is nineteen now.
8. We see less of Voldemort in the movie.