
Toy Story 3

WORKSHEET A

Toy Story 3, the third and final movie in the series that began with *Toy Story* in 1995 and continued with *Toy Story 2* in 1999, recently arrived in movie theaters in dozens of countries around the world.

It has already been a success. In the United States, for example, it has already taken more money at the box office than any other movie in 2010. Worldwide, *Alice in Wonderland* is the only movie that more people have paid to watch in a movie theater so far in 2010.

Like the first two movies, *Toy Story 3* is an animation from the Pixar studios, whose other movies include *Finding Nemo* (2003), *Wall-E* (2008) and *Up* (2009). It is a typical Pixar animation because it is for adults as well as children, and has a lot of humor.

Most of the main characters in the first two *Toy Story* movies were children's toys that came to life when humans were not around, and in *Toy Story 3* all of them are present again – such as Woody the cowboy, Jessie the cowgirl, Buzz Lightyear the astronaut, Slinky Dog, Hamm the piggy bank, and the dolls Ken and Barbie.

The voices of most of the toys are also mostly the same as before: Woody's, for example, is again provided by the famous American actor Tom Hanks.

The main human character in the *Toy Story* movies is Andy, the owner of most of the toys. He was a small boy in the first movie, but now he is 17 and about to leave home to go to college. In fact, the theme of growing up, and the end of childhood, provides a lot of the emotion in the movie.

Andy decides to take Woody with him to college but to put all his other old toys in a bag, intending to keep them in the attic. Unfortunately, however, Andy's mother mistakes the bag for trash and puts it out on the street to be collected – and that's where the toys' adventure begins. Soon they have a new home, where they have various problems, and later it seems they are going to be destroyed. This isn't the place to say exactly what happens, but anyone worried about taking small children to the movie in case they get upset should remember that Pixar stories don't usually have unhappy endings.

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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 blanks.

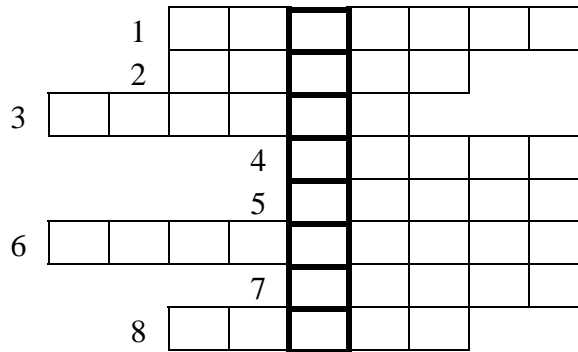
1. _ _ _ _ _ **h** _ _ **d** (noun): the time of your life when you are a child
2. Someone or something that is _ _ _ **ica** _ (adjective) is like most people or things of the same type.
3. If you **m** _ **st** _ _ _ someone/thing **f** _ _ someone/something else (phrasal verb), you think, wrongly, that someone/something is someone/something else.
4. **w** _ **r** _ **d** _ _ _ **e** (adjective/adverb): all over the world
5. _ **o** _ **l** (noun): a children's toy in the shape of a small person
6. **a** _ **o** _ _ **d** (adverb): in the same place or area; nearby
7. **s** _ **r** _ _ **s** (noun): a set of TV or radio programs, or movies, that are about the same subject, or the same characters
8. **b** _ _ _ **ff** _ **c** _ (noun): the place in a theater where people buy tickets (The name of this place is also often used to say how many tickets a play or movie has sold in total.)
9. **p** _ **gg** _ _ _ _ **k** (noun): an object (sometimes in the shape of a pig) used by children for saving money in
10. **pr** _ _ _ **d** _ (verb): to give someone something that they want or need
11. When you _ **n** _ _ **nd** (verb) to do something, you have decided to do it but have not done it yet.
12. **c** _ _ _ _ **o** _ **l** _ _ **e** (phrase): to start to be alive
13. **a** _ **t** _ _ (noun): a room at the top of a house, under the roof
14. If something is yours, you are the **o** _ _ **er** (noun) of that thing.
15. _ _ _ **or** (noun): the quality that makes something (such as a situation or a story) funny

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WORKSHEET C

Exercise 2

Complete the crossword below. If all the words are correct, another type of toy in the *Toy Story* movies will read from top to bottom. (Clue: This character is big and green, and its name is Rex.)



1. Most Pixar animations have happy _____.
2. Tom Hanks provides the _____ of Woody the cowboy.
3. It has recently been possible to see *Toy Story 3* at the movie theater in _____ of countries.
4. The _____ of most of the toys in the *Toy Story* movies is Andy.
5. The toy Hamm is in the _____ of a pig.
6. Like Woody the cowboy, Buzz Lightyear the astronaut is a _____ in all three *Toy Story* movies.
7. The text suggests that small children might become _____ if they watch a movie with an unhappy ending.
8. There are _____ movies in the *Toy Story* series.