

e-lesson

Week starting: August 9, 2010

1. *Toy Story 3*

This week's lesson is about the recently released movie *Toy Story 3*, which has already been a big box-office success in dozens of countries.

Level

Pre-intermediate and above (equivalent to CEF level A2–B1 and above)

How to use the lesson

1. Ask your students what they understand by the term *animation* (or *animated movie*). Collect examples (*Toy Story*, *Finding Nemo*, *Wall-E*, etc.) and ask the students to describe the animated movies they have seen. What do they know about *Toy Story 3*? If any students have already seen it, ask them to describe the characters and the plot (though perhaps without giving away the ending).
2. Give your students between five and ten minutes to read through Worksheet A, encouraging them to look up new vocabulary. Note that many of the words that might be new are not in the glossary because they form part of Exercise 1.
3. Give each student a copy of Worksheet B, then divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to complete Exercise 1, in which they have to find the words to match the definitions. (You might want to mention that the verbs defined on Worksheet B are not necessarily in their infinitive form on Worksheet A.)
4. Check answers in open class.
5. Keeping the students in their pairs, hand out Worksheet C and ask the students to complete the crossword.
6. Check answers in open class.

Answers:

Exercise 1

1. childhood 2. typical 3. mistake for 4. worldwide 5. doll 6. around
7. series 8. box office 9. piggy bank 10. provide 11. intend
12. come to life 13. attic 14. owner 15. humor

Exercise 2

1. endings 2. voice 3. dozens 4. owner 5. shape 6. character
7. upset 8. three

If the sentences have been completed correctly, *dinosaur* will read from top to bottom.

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://disney.go.com/toystory/>

The official *Toy Story 3* website. Accessible to pre-intermediate level.

<http://www.pixar.com/>

The website of Pixar Animation Studios. Accessible to pre-intermediate level.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE65H02H20100620>

A Reuters news article about the box-office success of *Toy Story 3*, with links to related articles. Intermediate level and above.