

Indiana Jones (C1)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Are you a fan of adventure films? Why (not)?
2. What do you think of the Indiana Jones films?
3. How many of them can you name?
4. What do you know about the star of the films? (*What's his name? How old is he? What other films has he starred in? etc.*)

B – Listen and answer

Read these statements. Then listen (without reading) and write T (true) or F (false).

1. The author implies that the academic world disapproved of the 1981 film *Raiders of the Lost Ark*.
2. George Lucas and Steven Spielberg's contract with Paramount Pictures was for five films.
3. The second Indiana Jones film is about events that happened before those of the 1981 film.
4. Steven Spielberg had no hand in the new Indiana Jones film.
5. In a flashback in the film, Indiana Jones is played by a young actor who looks like Harrison Ford.
6. Harrison Ford says he's not at all worried about being old.
7. British actress Phoebe Waller-Bridge has words of praise for the writers involved in the film.
8. US actress Shaunette Renée Wilson was only two when the first Indiana Jones film came out.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and the information box and answer the questions.

1. Why are some of events in the Indiana Jones stories rather controversial?
2. What justification is given for these events?
3. What's different about the production of the latest film?
4. What does the article say about the premiere of the film?
5. Why did James Mangold say he found it challenging to direct the new film?
6. What resources were used with de-aging technology to make Harrison Ford look younger?
7. What part of filming did Phoebe Waller-Bridge particularly enjoy?
8. What did the previous Indiana Jones films represent for Shaunette Renée Wilson?
9. When does the main action of *The Dial of Destiny* take place?
10. Who is the villain of the film?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from plural to singular.)

1. Angie's an accomplished chess player. Nobody in our chess club is able to _____ her.
2. Actor Tom Cruise once broke his ankle while performing a _____.
3. We were _____ when we got home and found our flat had been burgled.
4. Some students don't worry about exams; others find them _____.
5. Ian has no spare time and he's always stressed. I think he has _____ too much work.
6. _____ is a natural process that begins when we are born.

E – Ready for the C1 ADVANCED English Test? (Reading and Use of English, Part 2)

Complete the text. Use only one word in each space.

People have often wondered what inspired George Lucas to create the character Indiana Jones. Both Lucas and Spielberg were familiar ¹ _____ the film serials of the 1930s and 1940s, which were shown repeatedly on TV while they were ² _____ up during the 1950s.

Exotic adventure serials like *Zorro*, as well as films featuring the type of hero ³ _____ by actor Charlton Heston in the 1954 adventure film *The Secret of the Incas*, undoubtedly had a ⁴ _____ influence on Lucas and Spielberg. Even the costume ⁵ _____ by Charlton Heston in the film - an old leather jacket and a battered fedora hat – is a visual clue to the connection.

⁶ _____ were real-life adventurers lacking as inspiration at the time. One such adventurer was Percy Fawcett, a British Army officer, surveyor and intrepid jungle explorer. Fawcett and his son ⁷ _____ missing in the Amazon rainforest, while searching for the ruins of an ancient city, and were never seen or ⁸ _____ from again.

F – Write about it

Write about your favourite fictional character. Mention:

- whether he/she appears in books, films, or both;
- whether he/she is a hero/heroine, a villain, or an anti-hero/heroine;
- what period the stories are set in;
- what his/her main characteristics are;
- why he/she is your favourite.

Answers

B – Listen and answer

1. F – He implies that they liked the idea that their work might be associated with a secret life of excitement and adventure. 2. T 3. T 4. F – He was the executive producer and the new director was in continual contact with him. 5. F – He's played by Harrison Ford with a technology to reduce his age by 35 years. 6. T 7. T 8. F – She wasn't born when it came out.

C – Read and answer

1. Because Indiana steals sacred artifacts from ancient burial sites. 2. The justification is that he's saving them from the hands more malevolent rivals. 3. The director is James Mangold, not Steven Spielberg, and the film is co-produced by Disney. 4. The premiere was at this year's Cannes Film Festival, and the film received a standing ovation. 5. Because everyone has their own idea of Indiana Jones and there's a massive amount of emotional attachment and expectation. 6. They used frames from all the other films he had made with Lucasfilm studios. 7. She enjoyed the action sequences: the fighting and the stunts. 8. They were a crucial part of her upbringing and her introduction to America. 9. In 1969. 10. The villain is Jürgen Voller, an ex-Nazi who has reinvented himself as a NASA scientist and is working on the Apollo 11 Moon mission.

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1. outwit 2. stunt 3. shaken up 4. nerve-wracking 5. taken on 6. Ageing

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1 with 2. growing 3. played 4. great/profound/considerable 5. worn 6. Neither/Nor
7. went 8. heard