



## Star Wars Day (B1 - Lower Intermediate)

### A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. Do you like science fiction films?
2. If so, do you have a favourite?
3. Have you seen any of the Star Wars films? If so, which?

### B – Listen and answer

Read these statements. Then listen (without reading) and choose the correct answer.

1. The first Star Wars film came out in  
a) 1970.                                      b) the nineteen seventies.      c) 1967.
2. The date of Star Wars Day was chosen by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.  
a) True.                                      b) False.                                      c) The article doesn't say.
3. The first official Star Wars Day event was held in  
a) the United States.      b) the United Kingdom.      c) Neither of these.
4. The event consisted of  
a) a costume contest.      b) a film festival.                                      c) Both of these.
5. In 2012, Lucasfilm ..... by the Walt Disney Company.  
a) was bought                                      b) was sold                                      c) was created

### C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. How are dates written in American English?
2. Why was 4<sup>th</sup> May an important day for Margaret Thatcher?
3. Where did the phrase "May the Fourth Be with You" first appear?
4. How do fans dress up to celebrate Star Wars Day?
5. Why were some fans worried when Lucasfilm was sold to the Walt Disney Company?
6. When did Disney Parks begin holding official Star Wars Day events?

### 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. James was in the street talking on his phone when a motorcyclist \_\_\_\_\_ it and rode away.
2. I preferred my friend's sweater and she preferred mine, so we \_\_\_\_\_ sweaters.
3. Chloe's singing career began when she entered a TV talent \_\_\_\_\_ and won first prize.
4. When making meatballs, it's best to add a beaten egg to \_\_\_\_\_ everything together.
5. In many French towns there are beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ on 14<sup>th</sup> July.
6. There were a lot of young people dancing on the beach and they invited us to \_\_\_\_\_.

### **E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam? (Paper 1, Reading: Part 6)**

*Write one word only in each space.*

The Star Wars films are among those that have <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ the most money for their creators. However, at first George Lucas, the writer and director of Star Wars, wasn't <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ all sure that his space saga would be a success. In fact, <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of attending the premiere of the first Star Wars film, he went <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ holiday with his friend, Steven Spielberg. It was <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ their holiday that they had the idea for the character Indiana Jones. Spielberg liked Star Wars, but Lucas's other film-maker friends, Francis Ford Coppola and Brian De Palma, didn't think <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of it. De Palma even called it "the worst movie ever". Only Spielberg predicted it would be a hit.

### **F – Write about it**

*Write about a science-fiction film you've seen. Mention:*

- when it came out;
  - who it was directed by;
  - when/where the story is set;
  - what it's about;
  - who the main characters are played by;
  - why you liked/disliked it.
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## Answers: Star Wars Day (B1)

### B – Listen and answer

1. b 2. b 3. c 4. c 5. a

### C – Read and answer

1. In American English, the month is written before the day. 2. Because on 4th May 1979 she was elected as Britain's first female Prime Minister. 3. It appeared as a headline of a British tabloid newspaper. 4. They dress up as their favourite characters. 5. They thought Star Wars Day might disappear. 6. They began holding them on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2013.

### D – Learn it! Use it!

1. grabbed 2. swapped 3. contest 4. bind 5. fireworks shows 6. join in

### E – Ready for the B1 PRELIMINARY English Exam?

1. made/earned 2. at 3. instead 4. on 5. during 6. much