

**The 7 Steps -**  
**May**



**Movies**

**1. CONTEXT**

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

**2. QUESTIONS**

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

**3. LISTEN**

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

**Listening Questions 1**

- When was the original Star Wars movie released?  
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- What are the names of the two sequels and when did they open in theaters?  
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- What is the first Star Wars prequel called?  
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- Name three movies John Williams has composed music for.  
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- What famous TV show did J.J. Abrams co-create?  
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**Listening Questions 2**

- How old did Top Gun turn in 2017?  
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- Name two other movies that came out the same year as Top Gun.  
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- Who co-starred with Tom Cruise in Top Gun?  
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- Which of the co-stars appeared in Batman Forever and what was his role?  
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- What brand of sunglasses did Tom Cruise wear in Top Gun?  
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**Discussion Questions**

- How often do you watch movies? Do you prefer to watch them in the theater or at home?
- What has been the impact of online streaming applications in Japan?

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

#### 4. CHECK ANSWERS

Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

#### 5. CHECK VOCABULARY

Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

#### 6. READ ALOUD

Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

#### 7. SHADOWING

Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

#### TRANSCRIPT 1

In May 2017 two very famous movies celebrated anniversaries. On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the first Star Wars movie turned 40. Some of the characters the film introduced us to were Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader and R2-D2.

Star Wars, along with its two **sequels** The Empire Strikes Back (1980) and The Return of the Jedi (1983), went on to become smash hits all over the world. Sixteen years after The Return of the Jedi came out, Episode 1 – The Phantom Menace, the first of the so-called prequels, was **released**.

The Star Wars theme song is probably one of the best-known movie songs of all time. It was composed by John Williams who also did the music for Jaws, Superman, E.T., and Jurassic Park, to name just a few.

Star Wars: The Force Awakens was directed by J.J. Abrams. Abrams has also been an important part of the last Star Trek films. On the small screen, he was the co-creator of the **hugely** successful TV show Lost.

MATCH THE ANTONYMS BY DRAWING LINES BELOW:

Stylish	Prequel
Hugely	Withhold
Release	Flop
Sequel	Unfashionable
Blockbuster	Minimally

#### TRANSCRIPT 2

The other massively successful movie that celebrated an anniversary in May 2017 was Top Gun, which opened in theaters in 1986. Top Gun, a story about a group of US Navy pilots, was one of the most popular movies of 1986. Some other big movies released that year include Aliens, Crocodile Dundee, and Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home.

The biggest star of the movie was Tom Cruise, who has since appeared in many **blockbuster** movies such as Rain Man (1988), Born on the Fourth of July (1989), the Mission Impossible series, and The Last Samurai (2003). Co-starring along with Cruise were Val Kilmer and Anthony Edwards. Kilmer played Batman in the 1995 Batman Forever movie, while Edwards was one of the doctors in the very popular TV show ER.

And finally, if you saw Top Gun you probably remember that Tom Cruise famously wore a pair of Ray-Ban Aviators. Like many other products that appear in movies, sales of the **stylish** sunglasses apparently increased thanks to the movie.