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SKYFALL

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Skyfall is the twenty-third film in the James Bond franchise, which dates back to 1962. It features Daniel Craig in his third performance as James Bond, and Javier Bardem as Raoul Silva, the film's bad guy. The film was directed by Sam Mendes. It centres on Bond investigating an attack on Britain's intelligence service MI6; the attack is part of a plot by former MI6 operative Raoul Silva to humiliate, discredit and kill M as revenge against her for betraying him. *Skyfall* is the last film of the series for Judi Dench, who played M, a role that she had played in the previous six films. Filming began in November 2011 and primarily took place in the United Kingdom, China and Turkey.

At the box office*, Skyfall* has earned $1.1 billion worldwide, and is the seventh-highest-grossing film of all time. The movie received generally positive reviews from critics; Rotten Tomatoes sampled 290 reviewers and judged 92% of the reviews to be positive. Kim Newman from 'Empire' concluded, "*Skyfall* is pretty much all you could want from a 21st Century Bond: cool but not camp, respectful of tradition but up to the moment, serious in its thrills and relatively complex in its characters but with the sense of fun that hasn't always been evident lately". Roger Ebert of the 'Chicago Sun-Times' gave the film 4 out of 4 stars, describing it as, "a full-blooded, joyous, intelligent celebration of a beloved cultural icon".

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skyfall

▦ TRAILER AND POSTER

POSTER

1. SIX WORDS: Look at the poster and write down six words (more if you like) that you think of as you look at it. Share the words with your partner(s). Why did you choose them?

> You can find posters for this movie at www.wikipedia.com or www.imbd.com - just type the name of the movie in the search field.

2. STORY: Talk about what you think the story of the movie is – the start, beginning, end, etc. Change partners and share stories.

3. CREDITS: Look at the credits on the poster (the actors, director, producer…) and talk about them with your partner(s).

4. MUST-SEE: Talk with your partner(s) about whether the poster and movie title are good and make you want to see the movie.

5. STARRING YOU: Imagine you are one of the stars of the movie. Talk about your role with your movie star partner(s).

TRAILER

1. RETELL: Watch the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

> The official trailer: http://youtu.be/6kw1UVovByw

2. CHUNKS: Watch 10-to-15 second chunks of the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

3. QUIZ: Watch the trailer and write down some quiz questions for your partner(s). Watch a second time to find the answers to the questions.

4. VOCABULARY: Make a note of words in the trailer that you see or hear. Talk about them with your partner(s).

5. GOOD / BAD: Watch the trailer and write down why you think the film might be good or bad. Share your ideas with your partner(s).

🎞 MATCHING

SYNONYM MATCH

1.	features	a.	earlier
2	investigating	b.	excitement
3.	plot	c.	stars
4.	previous	d.	ever
5.	primarily	e.	obvious
6.	earned	f.	mostly
7.	of all time	g.	intense
8.	thrills	h.	looking into
9.	evident	i.	brought in
10.	full-blooded	j.	secret plan

PHRASE MATCH

1.	…which dates	a.	of the series
2	Daniel Craig in his third	b.	celebration
3.	the attack is part	c.	place in the U.K.
4.	the last film	d.	grossing film of all time
5.	took	e.	back to 1962
6.	the seventh-highest-	f.	cultural icon
7.	pretty much all	g.	of a plot
8.	sense	h.	performance as James Bond
9.	a full-blooded, joyous, intelligent	i.	of fun
10.	a beloved	j.	you could want

🎞 LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

Skyfall is the twenty-third film in the James Bond franchise, (1) _____ . It features Daniel Craig in his third performance as James Bond, and Javier Bardem as Raoul Silva, the film's bad guy. The film was directed by Sam Mendes. It centres on Bond (2) _____ Britain's intelligence service MI6; the attack (3) _____ MI6 operative Raoul Silva to humiliate, discredit and kill M as (4) _____ him. *Skyfall* is the last film of the series for Judi Dench, who played M, (5) _____ in the previous six films. Filming began in November 2011 and (6) _____ United Kingdom, China and Turkey.

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1.   the James Bond <u>eacrnifsh</u>

2.   his third <u>erprnmeoacf</u> as James Bond

3.   <u>itnaieigntgvs</u> an attack

4.   kill M as <u>geeernv</u>

5.   in the <u>vipuesor</u> six films

6.   <u>lriimpray</u> took place in the United Kingdom

Paragraph 2

7.   <u>naeder</u> $1.1 billion worldwide

8.   received <u>lyengearl</u> positive reviews

9.   respectful of <u>natordtii</u>

10.   <u>artyvlliee</u> complex

11.   a full-blooded, joyous, intelligent <u>lneoetbrica</u>

12.   a beloved <u>lctualur</u> icon

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🎞 INSERT THE VOWELS (a,e,i,o,u)

Skyf_ll _s th_ tw_nty-th_rd f_lm _n th_ J_m_s B_nd fr_nch_s_, wh_ch d_t_s b_ck t_ 1962. _t f__t_r_s D_n__l Cr__g _n h_s th_rd p_rf_rm_nc_ _s J_m_s B_nd, _nd J_v__r B_rd_m _s R___l S_lv_, th_ f_lm's b_d g_y. Th_ f_lm w_s d_r_ct_d by S_m M_nd_s. _t c_ntr_s _n B_nd _nv_st_g_t_ng _n _tt_ck _n Br_t__n's _nt_ll_g_nc_ s_rv_c_ M_6; th_ _tt_ck _s p_rt _f _ pl_t by f_rm_r M_6 _p_r_t_v_ R___l S_lv_ t_ h_m_l__t_, d_scr_d_t _nd k_ll M _s r_v_ng_ _g__nst h_r f_r b_tr_y_ng h_m. *Skyf_ll* _s th_ l_st f_lm _f th_ s_r__s f_r J_d_ D_nch, wh_ pl_y_d M, _ r_l_ th_t sh_ h_d pl_y_d _n th_ pr_v___s s_x f_lms. F_lm_ng b_g_n _n N_v_mb_r 2011 _nd pr_m_r_ly t__k pl_c_ _n th_ _n_t_d K_ngd_m, Ch_n_ _nd T_rk_y.

_t th_ b_x _ff_c_*, Skyf_ll* h_s __rn_d $1.1 b_ll__n w_rldw_d_, _nd _s th_ s_v_nth-h_gh_st-gr_ss_ng f_lm _f _ll t_m_. Th_ m_v__ r_c__v_d g_n_r_lly p_s_t_v_ r_v__ws fr_m cr_t_cs; R_tt_n T_m_t__s s_mpl_d 290 r_v__w_rs _nd j_dg_d 92% _f th_ r_v__ws t_ b_ p_s_t_v_. K_m N_wm_n fr_m '_mp_r_' c_ncl_d_d, "*Skyf_ll* _s pr_tty m_ch _ll y__ c__ld w_nt fr_m _ 21st C_nt_ry B_nd: c__l b_t n_t c_mp, r_sp_ctf_l _f tr_d_t__n b_t _p t_ th_ m_m_nt, s_r___s _n _ts thr_lls _nd r_l_t_v_ly c_mpl_x _n _ts ch_r_ct_rs b_t w_th th_ s_ns_ _f f_n th_t h_sn't _lw_ys b__n _v_d_nt l_t_ly". R_g_r _b_rt _f th_ 'Ch_c_g_ S_n-T_m_s' g_v_ th_ f_lm 4 __t _f 4 st_rs, d_scr_b_ng _t _s, "_ f_ll-bl__d_d, j_y__s, _nt_ll_g_nt c_l_br_t__n _f _ b_l_v_d c_lt_r_l _c_n".

*Skyfall*isthetwentythirdfilmintheJamesBondfranchise,whichdatesback to1962.ItfeaturesDanielCraiginhisthirdperformanceasJamesBond,andJavierBardemasRaoulSilva,thefilm'sbadguy.Thefilmwasdirect edbySamMendes.ItcentresonBondinvestigatinganattackonBritain's intelligenceserviceMI6;theattackispartofaplotbyformerMI6operativ eRaoulSilvatohumiliate,discreditandkillMasrevengeagainstherforbe trayinghim.*Skyfall*isthelastfilmoftheseriesforJudiDench,whoplayed M,arolethatshehadplayedintheprevioussixfilms.FilmingbeganinNov ember2011andprimarilytookplaceintheUnitedKingdom,ChinaandTu rkey.Attheboxoffice,*Skyfall*hasearned$1.1billionworldwide,andisth eseventhhighestgrossingfilmofalltime.Themoviereceivedgenerallyp ositivereviewsfromcritics;RottenTomatoessampled290reviewersan djudged92%ofthereviewstobepositive.KimNewmanfrom'Empire'co ncluded,"*Skyfall*isprettymuchallyoucouldwantfroma21stCenturyBo nd:coolbutnotcamp,respectfuloftraditionbutuptothemoment,seriou sinitsthrillsandrelativelycomplexinitscharactersbutwiththesenseoff unthathasn'talwaysbeenevidentlately".RogerEbertofthe'ChicagoSu n-Times'gavethefilm4outof4stars,describingitas,"afull-blooded,joyous,intelligentcelebrationofabelovedculturalicon".

🎞 DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT A's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

🎞 DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT B's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

▣ SKYFALL SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about Skyfall in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

Write your own movie review. Show your partner your letter. Correct each other's work.

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▣ HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about "Skyfall". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about "Skyfall". What are (did) critics and moviegoers saying (say) about it? How good were the actors' performances? What was good and bad about the movie? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. "SKYFALL" POSTER: Make a poster about "Skyfall". Make sure you put tag lines, audience and critics' reviews, why people should see it, etc. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY PREQUEL / SEQUEL: Make your own prequel or sequel for "Skyfall". Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.

6. CHARACTER STORY: Choose one of the characters from the movie. Imagine you are that character. Write your story about what you did in the movie. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.

7. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, Twitter stream, or any other social media tool to get opinions on "Skyfall". Share your findings with the class.

ANSWERS

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Please check for yourself by looking at the movie review on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)

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