

Fill in the gaps in the text with the following words:

box office
stunt(s)
action-packed
plot
cast

ARMAGEDDON

For an evening at home, Armageddon is a(n) 1 _____ film that will have you on the edge of your seats! The 2) all-star _____, which includes Bruce Willis, Ben Affleck and Liv Tyler, all give incredible performances. The film has an interesting 3) _____. A team of scientists tries to save the Earth from destruction, and there is a moving twist at the end. What's more, there is great camera work and the 4) _____ are stunning. This film had a 5) _____ success when it came out and offers thrills and excitement for all in the family. A must-see!

Complete the sentences with verbs formed using the prefixes **re-**, **dis-**, **mis-**, **under-** and the verbs in capitals.

- 1 The foreign actor is difficult to understand because he _____ many English words. (PRONOUNCE)
- 2 My art teacher asked me to _____ my drawing because I had made some mistakes. (DO)
- 3 Don't _____ the value of this painting; it's actually worth close to sixty thousand euros! (ESTIMATE)
- 4 Citizens of the town worked together to _____ the cinema that a fire had burnt down. (BUILD)
- 5 It would be wrong to _____ the novel by describing it as just a love story, because it is about a number of themes. (SIMPLIFY)
- 6 I know you _____ Henry, but it was very rude of you to tell him that he's a bad photographer. (LIKE)

2 Fill in: *by, of (x2), in, for, with.*



Alexander Sokurov is perhaps one of the most successful Russian film directors 1) all time and is particularly popular 2) fans of art cinema. He is best known 3) his film *Russian Ark*, released in 2002. Sergei Dontsov, who stars 4) the film, plays a stranger journeying through the halls of the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg. Sokurov creates a sort 5) dreamlike fantasy world in the film, similar to some films 6) Andrei Tarkovsky. Certainly, Sokurov is one of the finest film makers of our time.

3 Fill in: *through, into, over, away, out.*

- 1 A: Have you seen Bill recently?
B: Yes, actually. I ran him yesterday at the library.
- 2 A: I think we should run scene three one more time.
B: I agree. We need to be ready for our first performance tomorrow evening.
- 3 A: Is it true that you ran from home when you were young to join the circus?
B: That's not true. My parents actually worked in the circus.
- 4 A: Did you finish that landscape you were painting?
B: No, I ran of blue and green, and didn't have time to go and get some.
- 5 A: Why are you so late?
B: I nearly ran a dog on my way, so I stopped to check if it was all right.

5 Complete the gaps with the correct form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 A: Did you manage to learn the new piece of music?
B: Yes, but it was (difficult) than I expected.
- 2 A: Shall we meet at 7 o'clock in the park?
B: Sure, but 9 pm is (late) I can stay out until.
- 3 A: Who's that over there?
B: Oh, that's Harry. He's (intelligent) boy in the school.
- 4 A: So, you didn't agree with Dan, then?
B: No! The (much) he said, the (angry) I felt!
- 5 A: What was the pianist like?
B: Good, but not (talented) as the one I saw last year.
- 6 A: Thanks so much for the concert ticket!
B: It's (little) I could do after all the help you've given me.
- 7 A: Greg's playing has improved, hasn't it?
B: Yes, he's getting (good) and (good) all the time!

4 Underline the correct item.

- 1 A: Do you want to play a video game?
B: Not really. I'd rather/I **prefer** watch a DVD than play a video game.
- 2 A: Do you want to read this magazine after me?
B: No thanks. I rarely read magazines. I **prefer**/I would sooner reading newspapers.
- 3 A: How about going to a film tonight?
B: I'd sooner/prefer go out to dinner than go to a film.
- 4 A: Do you want to start learning French with me?
B: Not really. I'd prefer to learn Italian to/rather than learn French.

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2 Underline the correct word.

- 1 The author's new book sold out **very/completely** fast.
- 2 They wanted to buy a sculpture from the exhibition, but it was **completely/rather** expensive.
- 3 It's **very/absolutely** impossible for me to finish this book in two days; it's huge!
- 4 The acting in this film was **totally/extremely** perfect.
- 5 They are **completely/rather** worried that they will be late to the opening of the art show.