# READING

**Read the article quickly. Tick [✓] the seven things that it mentions.**

## *Star Wars* – a modern fairy tale?

The *Star Wars* films are some of the most popular science-fiction movies in cinema history. The original film, which came out in 1977, was thrilling, with amazing special effects. The most recent films, which will be shown over the next few years, are still loved by modern audiences, and have made a lot of money. But what makes them so successful?

One possible reason is that they are like the fairy tales we enjoyed when we were children. Many of them have the same kind of plot and characters as *Star Wars*, even though the setting is completely different. In fact, Harrison Ford, who played the character of Han Solo, once said that he thought *Star Wars* was more like a fairy tale than a science fiction movie.

First, let's start with the characters. In fairy tales, it's common for the hero to be alone in the world. They might have no mother or father, and they might not know who they really are. But, by the end of the story, they will have become an important person – perhaps a prince or princess.

In fairy tales, a common plot is for the hero to go on a journey. They leave home, which they can never return to, and travel far, finding out who they really are. They usually meet people on the way who teach them something important – like a fairy godmother, or the character of Obi Wan Kenobi in *Star Wars*. Often, these friendly characters are old and have magical powers. They are like a parent to the hero.

Most fairy tales have a villain, and it's very easy to know who they are. This is no different in *Star Wars*. The villains are the people who wear black, and the heroes wear white! In some famous fairy tales, like *Snow White* or *Cinderella*, the villain is one of the hero's parents. If you know the plot of *Star Wars* well enough, you will know that one villain is actually the hero's father.

Finally, all fairy tales have a happy ending, and this is certainly true of the *Star Wars* movies. We know that the heroes will win, the villains will be destroyed, and everyone will live happily ever after.

1 the first *Star Wars* film ☐
2 how many *Star Wars* films there have been ☐
3 what *Star Wars* is similar to ☐
4 where *Star Wars* is set ☐
5 the people in the *Star Wars* films ☐
6 the things that happen in the stories of fairy tales ☐
7 people who help the main character in fairy tales ☐
8 the bad people in fairy tales ☐
9 the last part of the story of fairy tales ☐
10 why people are happy that *Star Wars* is like a fairy tale ☐

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**2 Read the article again. Mark these sentences T (true) or F (false), or DS (the article doesn't**

1 The article says people were delighted with the first *Star Wars* film. ☐
2 Fairy tales have a very different story to *Star Wars*. ☐
3 The setting of the *Star Wars* film is important. ☐
4 In fairy tales, the main character changes by the end of the story. ☐
5 At the beginning of fairy tales, the hero knows who he or she really is. ☐
6 A fairy godmother is someone who helps the hero. ☐
7 There are more villains in *Star Wars* than most fairy tales. ☐
8 The ending of *Star Wars* is similar to a lot of fairy tales. ☐

## LISTENING

**3** **Listen to a conversation between Laura and Finn. Who is the information about, Laura (L) or Finn (F)?**

1 has a tattoo ☐
2 wants shorter hair ☐
3 had their hair coloured ☐
4 cuts their own hair ☐
5 had something in their ears ☐
6 had angry parents ☐
7 has never had long hair ☐
8 has long hair ☐

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**4** **Listen again. Choose the correct answers.**

1 Finn likes his tattoo because
A it's big. B other people like it. C it says something interesting.

2 Laura doesn't like his tattoo because
A no one wants to read it. B it's too small. C no one can understand it.

3 Laura says she spends too much
A time on her hair. B money having her hair cut. C money on her hair.

4 First, Finn thinks Laura will look
A hilarious with short hair. B wonderful with short hair. C bad with short hair.

5 Laura thinks her parents won't be angry because she
A used to have green hair. B had her ears pierced. C isn't a boy.

6 If Laura doesn't like her hair, she knows
A she can wear hats for a few months. B she can change the colour. C it can grow again quickly.

7 Laura says Finn ought to grow his hair long because
A it will look better than short hair. B it won't be possible later. C he's never done it before.

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Translate: (Conditionals, Wishes, be used to, Reported Speech, Passive Voice)

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| 1. Если бы его не сбила машина прошлым летом, он бы поехал в Австралию.<br>2. Если бы я могла выбирать между двумя школами, я бы выбрала ту, которая больше.<br>3. Я расскажу тебе секрет, если ты пообещаешь никому его не рассказывать.<br>4. Как жаль, что он недостаточно зрел. | |

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| 5. Он сказал ей, что у них вражда с прошлого года.<br>6. Они привыкли к его ежедневным радикальным переменам.<br>7. Им завтра починят стиральную машину.<br>8. Новую программу покажут завтра | |