

3 Complete the text with one word in each gap.

The screenwriter Michael Hodges has been speaking about his adaptation of Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*, which is being released in cinemas on Friday. He explained (1) it had taken some time to condense the novel's plot into one 90-minute feature film and he expected some people to be unhappy with his version. He said it wasn't just a question of what to include and what to leave out, but that he had also (2) to write new scenes to help the story flow. He admitted that it had (3) a challenging project, with two changes of director, but said he (4) delighted with the final result. He added that the stars of the film had done extremely well and he hoped that they (5) get the recognition they deserved during the award season.

4 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

A number of famous musicians have accused secondary sales websites (1) exploiting music fans. The websites offer tickets at much higher prices than the original value and the musicians (2) that the practice could result in (3) fans attending live concerts in future. Some even say that they would rather fans didn't go to their concerts than pay inflated prices. The suspicion is that so-called 'botnets' are behind the very high prices. These computer systems are set up to buy large amounts of tickets as soon as they go on sale, meaning that popular concerts are often sold out within minutes. But the people behind the secondary ticket sites (4) that they sometimes offer priority access to fans and that it is the fans themselves who sell the tickets on. They also (5) that there is a high level of consumer protection in place.

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| 1 | A for | B to | C of | D in |
| 2 | A warn | B promise | C advise | D admit |
| 3 | A most | B less | C fewer | D more |
| 4 | A tell | B regret | C deny | D say |
| 5 | A agree | B claim | C announce | D complain |

Vocabulary

- 5 Complete the text with these words. There are two extra words.

feedback • outcome • plot • roles • scenes
screenplay • stream

***The Arrival* – writers wanted.**

Can you write two pages to be part of a feature film

(1) ? We're looking for (2)

showing people awaiting the arrival on Earth of a spaceship from another galaxy. Send us your first draft and

get (3) before the competition closes at the end of the month. You can submit as many drafts as you like before the deadline, but remember to keep the

(4) simple. Our selection panel will choose the 50 best entries and inform you of the (5)

by the end of February. Filmmakers around the country will then shoot the film, which will be released in April. Get involved and be part of something amazing!

6 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the email.

Hi Craig,
How was your weekend? I tried calling, but your mobile just went to voicemail every time.
Anyway, do you remember that book you gave me last year for my birthday? It was a real (1) page-turner/blockbuster and I couldn't put it down. Well, it's been made into a film and I saw it with Joe on Saturday. The (2) star/role of the film wasn't very well-known – I can't even remember his name – and to be honest the (3) lighting/acting was terrible. I loved the (4) soundtrack/stage though. I don't often make online (5) file-sharing/purchases, but I bought it as soon as I got home and I can't stop listening to it. I think you'll like it. I'll play it for you next time you come round.
See you soon.
Tom

7 Complete the text with the correct form of these words.

back • out • load • perform • write

My friend Katy is a really good singer and
(1) She writes all her own music and lyrics.
Last weekend she had her first gig and we got a group of friends together to go and support her. There was a really good (2) and the place was packed. We could tell that she was nervous at first, but after a while she relaxed and gave a great (3) The only (4) was that the venue was quite small and uncomfortable. She's going to record an album soon and it will be available to (5) from her website.

8 Choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) to complete the text.

In the 1970s, film studios started to focus on making more films for young people, with (1) action and lots of special effects. A young affluent audience interested in fashion and technology was good for advertisers. But with the growth of rival technologies such as social networking and computer gaming and increased options for (2) film and TV, the youth audience has declined. Blockbusters are expensive to make and if they fail at the (3) there can be serious consequences for the film studios. Fortunately for cinemas, there is a new trend. More and more older people are going to the cinema and they have different tastes. They want more (4) stories with strong characters. At first, the filmmakers thought this meant films about old people, but in fact it is quality that is key, which is good news for smaller, independent film makers, who can offer (5) for money. Intergenerational films that appeal to all ages seem to be the future direction for cinema.

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| 1 | A appealing | B fast-moving | C emotional | D intriguing |
| 2 | A transferring | B acting | C streaming | D performing |
| 3 | A box office | B marketplace | C ATM | D cashpoint |
| 4 | A spectacular | B wild | C clichéd | D thought-provoking |
| 5 | A value | B receipt | C interest | D discount |
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