

UNIT 3 TEST

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Section 1 - Reading

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Books as films – always a success?

How easy is it to turn a book into a film? It happens all the time, with the "Harry Potter" and "Lord of the Rings" series being the most obvious examples. One of the main problems is taking 300, 400 or even 500 pages of action and showing it in only two hours. Some things have to change.

The "Twilight" films are an example of how it can be well done. These romance, horror and fantasy novels have sold millions of copies. Filmmakers knew that they would have to be very careful not to upset the books' fans. They even got the writer, Stephanie Meyer, to help them. 1. There were some changes, though. There wasn't time to show everything. Some characters were also left out. One of the biggest changes was that the villains, the bad vampires, appear much earlier in the film than in the book. 2. It was probably the right decision. People who liked the book were generally positive about the film. Stephanie Meyer loved it and it was very successful.



There are also many examples of how turning a book into a film can be done badly. One of the worst was the "Bonfire of the Vanities". 3. It is about a millionaire New Yorker who has an accident while driving in a poor part of the city one night. He doesn't tell anyone about it but, months later, the police find him and his life changes completely. It was a great story with an exciting plot and 680 pages. It wasn't surprising when Hollywood film studios decided to make it into a film. They got a successful director, Brian De Palma, and some of the best actors of the time, Tom Hanks, Bruce Willis, Melanie Griffiths and Morgan Freeman. 4.

The answer, in the end, was "almost everything". Why? Perhaps it was the changes that were made. First of all, the millionaire, Sherman McCoy, was shown as a much nicer person. In the book, he is unpleasant, interested in only money and himself. It was a surprise then that Tom Hanks was chosen to play him. 5. Tom Hanks was just too nice to play someone like Sherman. Worst of all, they changed the ending. In the book, Sherman loses everything. His house, his wife, his money and his job. In the film, there's a happy ending. Why? do Hollywood filmmakers think that it's impossible to watch a film with a sad ending?

Interestingly, a book has been written about the making of the film. It was written by Julie Salomon. 6. The book tells all about the problems and the strange, and often expensive, decisions that were made. One scene of the film was of the plane, Concorde, landing in New York at sunset. It cost \$80,000 to shoot. Quite a lot of money for ten seconds of film! There were problems with Bruce Willis, too. 7. Not surprisingly, he was unhappy with Julie's book when it came out. Perhaps someone should turn that into a film. It could star Robert Pattinson as Tom Hanks and Matt Damon as Bruce Willis.

1. Read the article about books that have been turned into films. Seven sentences have been removed from the text. Choose from sentences A-H the one which fits each gap (1-7). There is one extra sentence that you don't need to use.

- A. He argued with the director several times.
- B. This is a book which was written in 1987.
- C. She is a well-known journalist and saw the film being made.
- D. What could go wrong?
- E. She made a list of things that couldn't be changed.
- F. This was not the worst thing about it.

- G. The director felt that this made the film more exciting.
- H. Perhaps that's why his character was changed.

Section 2 – Listening

2. Listen to a man talking about some classic books and choose the word or phrase that best completes each sentence.

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1. Sean Elliot's website is for

- A. selling his own books.
- B. helping school students with their studies.
- C. telling teenagers about good books to read.

5. In "Call of the Wild", Buck has

- A. two owners.
- B. three owners.
- C. several owners.

2. The books on the list

- A. are sometimes liked by experts.
- B. don't include any books that experts recommend.
- C. are chosen by experts.

6. Buck goes to live with the wolves

- A. after Thornton sells him.
- B. after Thornton is killed.
- C. after Thornton frees him from his owners.

3. The problem with "1984" is that

- A. the title has been changed.
- B. the title is difficult to understand.
- C. we have passed that date.

7. "Emma" was Jane Austen's

- A. fourth book.
- B. most successful book.
- C. most serious book.

4. The real identity of the animals in "Animal Farm"

- A. is unknown.
- B. is only known to students studying twentieth century history.
- C. can easily be discovered.

8. "Clueless" is set in

- A. Hollywood.
- B. California
- C. England.

Section 3 – Vocabulary

3. Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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badly – enthusiastic – enthusiastically – gently – good – late – lately – safe – safely – well

1. I have been studying a lot for my exams.

2. I think I did quite in my test. At least I know I didn't fail.

3. Drive, please. The roads are quite icy.

4. I sang really at my grandfather's birthday party, and everyone laughed!

5. She smiled when I told her about our trip to New York!

6. If you are a boy, I'll let you wear my Batman costume to the party.

7. Oh no, I'm going to be again for Mr White's class.

8. I picked up the injured bird and put it in a box.

9. I wish you were a bit more about helping me with my homework.

10. I put my diary in a place so my brother wouldn't find it.

4. Read the text and choose the correct answer.

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Me, a superhero?

When I was about twelve years old, every time life got difficult for me, I wished I was a 1. ... in a comic book. If I 2. ... a test or 3. ... a silly accident or if one of my schoolmates was mean to me, I wanted to take 4. This happened quite often because I 5. ... badly and would often give up and stop talking 6. Some of the kids would 7. ... at me and I would 8. ... away to escape from them. It wasn't much better at home either. My older brothers were clever and worked 9. ... so that I would be blamed 10. ... their stupid mistakes, so I was often 11. ... things I hadn't done. In my dreams, all I had to do was to 12. ... at my victims, say a magic word three times and they would just disappear. If only all our problems could be solved as easily.

1. A. superhero	B. plot	C. victim	D. passenger
2. A. failed	B. punished	C. disagreed	D. stammered
3. A. did	B. made	C. had	D. gave
4. A. punishment	B. revenge	C. blame	D. exception
5. A. whispered	B. strolled	C. limped	D. stammered
6. A. mid-air	B. open-mouthed	C. mid-sentence	D. open-sentence
7. A. talk	B. laugh	C. disagree	D. believe
8. A. stammer	B. peer	C. hiss	D. creep
9. A. hard	B. badly	C. hardly	D. bad
10. A. with	B. at	C. by	D. for
11. A. mistaken for	B. punished for	C. relied on	D. laughed at
12. A. stroll	B. limp	C. glare	D. study

5. Circle the correct word.

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1. Do you always buy whatever **catches/has** your eye?
2. Mr Appleby's coming and he looks a bit angry. Let's move out of the **road/way** now.
3. The man **took/made** two steps backwards to take a photo and fell into the river.
4. I love the **hero/heroine** in that book. She is so brave!
5. That man mistook me **by/for** his daughter. Do I really look so much like her?
6. Mum would tell us a **fairy tale/fiction** before we went to bed.
7. I thought I could rely **in/on** you to help me but I was obviously very wrong.
8. The story is all about this **alien/ heroine** from a far off planet who falls in love with a human.

Section 4 – Grammar

6. Read the text and complete the sentences with one word.

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House Hunting

I 1. not known my husband for very long. I don't mean that I 2. him last week but we had only 3. going out for a few months when we 4. to get married. The wedding 5. a month ago and we still haven't 6. a suitable flat to live in, although we've 7. looking really hard. I 8. never imagined that it would be so difficult to find one. At the moment we 9. staying in a borrowed flat. We have 10. given some wonderful presents, including a lot of things for our new house and I can't wait until we can move into our own place.

7. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

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1. That's the fifth time he (call) you. Aren't you going to answer?
2. I (study) all night and I still haven't finished.
3. I bought tickets online before I found out that the concert (cancel).
4. The twins (save) up their pocket money for ages now.
5. I called you at home but you already (go) to work.
6. I (live) in New York for quite a long time before I decided to stay here.
7. I never (meet) a really famous person.
8. They (have) ice skating lessons for two years before they entered their first competition.
9. I (wait) for more than an hour. Where have you been?
10. They (run) to the station but the train had already left.

Section 5 – Writing: A Story

8. You have seen this notice in local library and have decided to enter the competition.

SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Prize-winning author, Melanie Jackett, will be here next month to open our new library. She will also be judging our short story competition. If you are aged between thirteen and eighteen, write a story of 120-180 words which starts with the following words:

Mark opened the envelope read the letter and immediately started to pack his bag.

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