

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.