

FILM SESSION – “THE KID” (Disney)

1) Read this entry extract from Wikipedia and mark the sentences **true** or **false**. Correct false sentences

- a) The film was released in USA in 2000.
- b) The director of the film was Bruce Willis.
- c) It's a Walt Disney Pictures film.
- d) Some critics didn't like the film.
- e) The producers were Jon Turteltaub and Audrey Wells.
- f) The film lasts approximately one hour and forty-five minutes.

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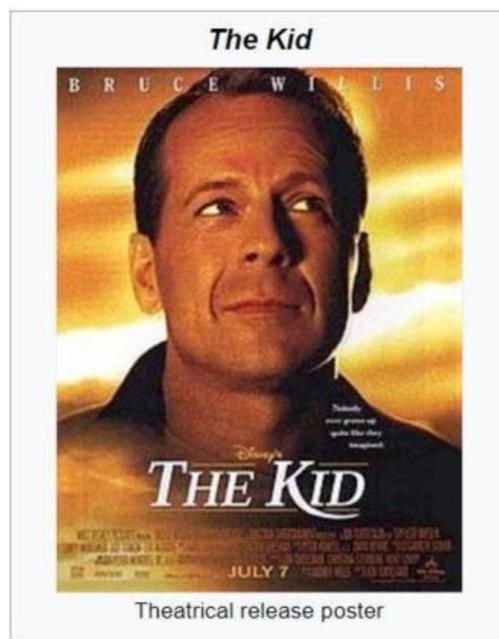
Disney's *The Kid*

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The Kid (also known as **Disney's *The Kid***) is a 2000 American [fantasy comedy-drama](#) film, directed by [Jon Turteltaub](#) and written by [Audrey Wells](#). The film follows a 40-year-old image consultant ([Bruce Willis](#)) who is mysteriously confronted by an eight-year-old version of himself ([Spencer Breslin](#)); [Emily Mortimer](#), [Lily Tomlin](#), [Chi McBride](#), and [Jean Smart](#) also star.

The film was released in the United States by [Walt Disney Pictures](#) on July 7, 2000. It received mixed reviews from critics, who generally found its message "annoyingly simplistic",^[4] and grossed \$110 million against its \$65 million budget.



Directed by	Jon Turteltaub
Written by	Audrey Wells
Produced by	Hunt Lowry Christina Steinberg Jon Turteltaub
Starring	Bruce Willis Spencer Breslin Emily Mortimer Lily Tomlin Chi McBride
Release date	July 7, 2000
Running time	104 minutes ^[2]
Country	United States
Language	English
Budget	\$65 million ^[3]
Box office	\$110.3 million ^[3]

2) Put the events from the plot in the correct order:

1	Russ Duritz is a successful but unfriendly image consultant in Los Angeles, and he's almost 40 years old. He doesn't get along with his father. One day, he comes home and finds a toy plane and a strange boy named Rusty. He chases Rusty through the streets.
	They drive through a tunnel and go back to Rusty's eighth birthday in 1968. Russ helps Rusty save a three-legged dog and win a fight, but things don't change.
	Rusty's mom is very sick, and his dad is angry. Russ realizes why he's the way he is today.
	Thinking he is hallucinating, he visits a psychiatrist, but finds the same boy on his couch eating popcorn and watching TV when he returns home. The boy says his name is Rusty and that he was just searching for his toy plane.
	Russ understands that Rusty's appearance was meant to change him, not Rusty. He decides to see his father and, with a puppy, visits Amy's home.
	Russ tells Rusty that he wasn't responsible for his mom's death, and his dad was just scared. They celebrate their birthday, but their efforts don't work. They meet a dog named Chester and find an older version of themselves who has a family with Amy.
	Russ compares memories and birthmarks and realizes Rusty is actually himself as a kid. Rusty dreams of having a dog named Chester and flying planes, but Russ tells the boy that he isn't a pilot and he hasn't got a dog. Rusty says, "I grow up to be a loser."
	Russ spends the day with Rusty, trying to figure out how to fix the past.

3) Answer and discuss these questions:

- a) What kind of film is "The Kid"?
- b) Did you like the film? Why/Why not?
- c) In your opinion, what is the message or moral of the film?

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