UP English Center

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1. Read the text carefully and answer the following questions.

Rotten Tomatoes

Do you want to watch a great movie tonight without wasting your time or money? If yes, you should know about Rotten Tomatoes. It is one of the most famous websites for movie lovers around the world. Many people visit the website before going to the cinema or choosing a movie online. But what does this strange name actually mean?

Literally, a "rotten tomato" is an old tomato that is soft, smells terrible, and impossible to eat. Nobody wants to buy or keep a rotten tomato in their kitchen because it is useless. However, the name also has a figurative meaning connected to theatres in the past.

Long ago, when people watched a terrible play, they sometimes became very angry. They did not only shout at the actors – they also threw dirty things, old fruit, and rotten tomatoes onto the stage to show that they disliked the performance. This old theatre tradition later became the inspiration for the website's name.



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Today, Rotten Tomatoes uses this funny tradition in a modern way. Instead of throwing real food, movie critics watch films and give scores. If a movie receives 60% or more positive reviews, it gets a "Fresh" rating, which means the movie is good. However, if it gets less than 60% positive reviews, it becomes "Rotten", meaning many people think the movie is bad.

The website was created in 1998 by a man named Senh Duong in the USA. He was a big fan of Jackie Chan movies and wanted to collect movie reviews in one place so fans could easily find information about films. Over time, the website became more and more popular.



Nowadays, millions of people use Rotten Tomatoes before spending money on cinema tickets or choosing a movie for movie night. Before buying a ticket, people can visit Rotten Tomatoes to check movie reviews and ratings. The website helps people choose good movies, avoid "rotten" ones, and save both time and money.

1. What is Rotten Tomatoes?

2. Why is the website called "Rotten Tomatoes"?

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3. Why do you think many people trust Rotten Tomatoes before choosing a movie?

4. What can we infer about a movie that receives a "Rotten" rating?

5. Why do you think the "Fresh" and "Rotten" ratings are useful for movie lovers?

6. What can we infer about Senh Duong from the information in the text?

2. Read each sentence carefully and choose the correct meaning of the causative structure.

1. "Linda had her hair cut yesterday." means:

A. Linda cut her own hair.

B. Someone cut Linda's hair for her.

C. Linda cut another person's hair

2. "We got our classroom painted last week." means:

A. The students painted the classroom themselves.

B. Nobody painted the classroom.

C. Another person painted the classroom for them.

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3. "Tom had his bike repaired after school." means:

A. Tom repaired the bike himself.

B. Someone repaired Tom's bike for him.

C. Tom bought a new bike.

4. "My parents got the washing machine fixed." means:

A. They fixed the washing machine themselves.

B. Another person fixed the washing machine for them.

C. The washing machine was new.

5. "Anna had her photo taken at the studio." means:

A. Anna took photos of the studio.

B. Someone took Anna's photo.

C. Anna bought a camera.

6. "Jack got his teeth checked by the dentist." means:

A. Jack checked the dentist's teeth.

B. Jack checked his own teeth.

C. The dentist checked Jack's teeth.

3. Find and Correct the Mistakes

1. I had cut my hair yesterday.

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2. She got repaired her phone last week.

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3. We had our house paint.

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4. Tom got his bike repair yesterday.

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5. They had cleaned their windows.

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4. Write about your favourite movie character.

You should write about:

- the movie the character is from
- the character's appearance and personality
- something interesting the character does
- why this character is your favourite

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