

Jurassic World breaks box office record

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The movie Jurassic World has broken box office records around the world. It is the first movie ever to make more than \$500 million at movie theatres on its opening weekend. Ticket sales in the US were \$204 million. In China, they were \$100 million and in the UK they were \$30 million. A senior media analyst said about the box office record:

"No one saw this coming." However, the film didn't beat the record for the most successful opening weekend movie in the United States. That record is still held by The Avengers, which took \$207 million back in 2012. The success of Jurassic World surprised many movie industry experts. They expected the film to make just \$100 million in the USA.

Jurassic World is the fourth installment in the Jurassic Park series. The first was Jurassic Park in 1993, which more than \$1 billion globally. The latest movie was the most popular film of the weekend in all 66 countries where it was released. There are many reasons why the film did so well on its opening weekend. One reason is the fact that many parents who watched the first Jurassic Park when they were children took their own kids along to see Jurassic World. Another reason is because the movie opened on the same weekend in China as it did in the US. It is unusual for any movie to be released at the same time in the two countries. China is the world's second biggest film market.

Sources: *BBC.com / CNN.com*

Writing

It is better to watch a movie in a movie theatre than at home. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

movie / box office / around the world / movie theatres / weekend / record / surprised / installment / earned / popular / reason / kids / unusual / countries / film market

True / False

- Two movies have now made \$500 million on an opening weekend. T / F
- Jurassic World ticket prices in the US were over \$200 million. T / F
- Jurassic World has the record sales for an opening weekend in the US. T / F
- The Avengers broke a record in 2012 and still has that record. T / F
- There are now five movies in the Jurassic Park series. T / F
- Jurassic World was the most popular film in 66 nations that showed it. T / F
- The movie opened on the same weekend in the USA and China. T / F
- China is the world's biggest film market. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. make | a. film |
| 2. surprised | b. well-liked |
| 3. experts | c. thought |
| 4. movie | d. worldwide |
| 5. expected | e. earn |
| 6. installment | f. cause |
| 7. globally | g. part |
| 8. popular | h. specialists |
| 9. reason | i. uncommon |
| 10. unusual | j. shocked |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you think of dinosaur movies?
- What do you think of going to the movie theatre?
- Is it better to watch a movie at home or at the cinema?
- What are your favourite kinds of movies?
- What do you think it would be like to be a movie actor?
- What is it that makes a movie great?
- What was your first experience like at a movie theatre?
- Who is the most important person in the making of a movie?

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Phrase Match

1. ticket
 2. A senior media
 3. No one saw this
 4. movie industry
 5. They expected the film to make
 6. the fourth installment in the
 7. all 66 countries where
 8. There are many
 9. took their own kids
 10. released at the
- a. Jurassic Park series
 - b. along
 - c. experts
 - d. sales
 - e. it was released
 - f. coming
 - g. same time
 - h. just \$100 million
 - i. reasons why
 - j. analyst

Discussion – Student B

- a) What do you think of movies that have many parts?
- b) Which movie would you like to live in?
- c) Which country makes the best movies?
- d) Are movies good for us?
- e) Which actor would you want to play you in a movie about you? Why?
- f) Would you like a job as a movie critic?
- g) If you could make a movie, what would it be about?
- h) What questions would you like to ask the movie director?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. g	7. d	8. b	9. f	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Action movies

You think action movies are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of movie aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science fiction movies, romantic movies or comedy movies.

Role B – Science fiction movies

You think science fiction movies are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of movie aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): action movies, romantic movies or comedy movies.

Role C – Romantic movies

You think romantic movies are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of movie aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science fiction movies, action movies or comedy movies.

Role D – Comedy movies

You think comedy movies are the best. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their types of movie aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): science fiction movies, romantic movies or action movies.

Speaking – Movies

Rank these with your partner. Put the best movie types at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- historic drama
- animation
- spy
- fantasy
- action
- horror
- romance
- science fiction

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.