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Hollywood Studio in Crisis 好莱坞制片厂陷入危机

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Sam Worthington, the lead actor in the worldwide hit Avatar, is **being tipped as** the next James Bond.

The **bookies' favourite**, born in the UK but raised in Australia, has recently achieved **phenomenal success** with the 3D sci-fi **epic** Avatar which is the **highest-grossing** movie ever and recently became the fastest-selling Blu-ray and DVD of all time, in North America.

Speculation over a Bond replacement started after it was revealed that the 23rd 007 movie had been **put on hold indefinitely**. Producers announced the suspension of the film due to the uncertain future of the film studio MGM.

Bond producers Michael Wilson and Barbara Broccoli said, "Due to the continuing uncertainty surrounding the future development of MGM and the failure to **close a sale** of the studio, we have **suspended development** on Bond 23 indefinitely".

Previous **hiatuses** in production of the **iconic** movies have resulted in the **lead actor** being replaced. A six-year gap between the filming of the 1989 film License to Kill and the 1995 film GoldenEye saw Pierce Brosnan **take over the role** from Timothy Dalton.

The current James Bond, Daniel Craig, took over the role from Brosnan between the production of the 2002 movie Die Another Day and the 2006 film Casino Royale. Work on the new James Bond film started in 2008 and a release was expected in 2011 or 2012.

Despite the speculation of a replacement, Daniel Craig seems eager still to be involved in the film saying he has "**every confidence**" in the decision and is looking forward to production starting again.

The James Bond **franchise** is one of the longest-running in film history and Mark Batey of the **Film Distributors' Association** says they are "the **backbone of British Cinema**".

He added that not having the film in next year's release schedule "**does raise eyebrows**" but he said he was "very **optimistic** Bond will be back".

Glossary 词汇表

being tipped as – 被认为	bookies' favourite – 赌注者的最爱
phenomenal success – 非凡成就	epic – 电影
highest-grossing – 票房之冠	speculation – 猜测
put on hold – 延期	indefinitely - 不确定的, 无限期的
close a sale – 出售	suspended development – 暂停开发
hiatuses – 中断	iconic – 标志性的
lead actor – 男主角	take over the role – 接演
every confidence – 百分百的把握	franchise - 系列
Film Distributors' Association - 电影发行商协会	backbone of British Cinema – 英国电影的中梁脊柱
does raise eyebrows – 肯定会使人惊讶	optimistic – 乐观的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Sam Worthington was born in Australia. **True / False**
2. Daniel Craig became James Bond after Pierce Brosnan. **True / False**
3. The new James Bond film has stopped production. **True / False**
4. The new film was set for release this year. **True / False**
5. Daniel Craig does not want to be involved in the new film. **True / False**

2. Idioms 成语

In this story the terms “backbone of British Cinema” and “raise eyebrows” were used.

Look at more body idioms below. Can you match them to their definitions?

上文中我们用到了 ‘backbone of British Cinema’ 和 ‘raise eyebrows’.

请看下面表格中由身体部位组成的成语，你能否把每个成语和其正确解释连线？

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. to rub shoulders with | a. very busy with something |
| 2. to give somebody the cold shoulder | b. to work very hard |
| 3. up to your eyes | c. to be in the same place as other people, socialise |
| 4. at each other's throats | d. to ignore someone |
| 5. bust a gut | e. people fighting or arguing |

Now complete the sentences below with the correct idiom

请用上面表格中的成语来完成下列句子。

1. I am _____ , I really can't help you with that.
2. She had to _____ to make sure she made it out of work on time.
3. It was a great night we got to _____ lots of famous musicians.
4. I don't think she likes me she often _____.
5. Those two are always _____.

3. Movie Vocabulary 电影词汇

Match these film terms with their meaning.

请把下面有关电影的词汇和其解释连线。

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|----------------------|--|
| 1. movie buff | a. an attractive male star |
| 2. star-studded bash | b. where you buy tickets for the cinema |
| 3. heart throb | c. person who watches a lot of movies and knows a lot about them |
| 4. box office | d. the main actress in a film |
| 5. leading lady | e. big budget movie |
| 6. blockbuster | f. an event or party with a lot of famous people there |

Now complete the paragraph below with the correct words or phrases from above.

请用上面表格中的电影词汇来完成以下句子。

Last night Daniel Craig's new _____ had its premiere in London.

Thousands of fans turned out to see the _____ and his _____ walk the red carpet in Leicester Square.

Daniel was one of the first to arrive on the red carpet and signed autographs and posed for photographs.

After the screening, a _____ was held in Leicester Square.

The film has already received rave reviews and _____ are predicting brilliant ticket sales at the _____.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with spy films in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与间谍电影有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

i	b	i	a	g	e	n	t	p	o	w	t
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f	j	k	t	p	l	w	q	z	r	c	g
o	a	a	e	r	h	f	j	c	v	q	a
r	s	c	c	d	t	u	e	l	w	l	d
m	p	t	h	i	p	s	k	j	e	o	g
a	X	o	q	t	n	c	v	b	a	f	e
t	w	r	w	m	n	e	r	K	p	m	t
i	v	j	v	y	p	i	m	r	o	h	s
o	e	m	o	v	i	e	g	a	n	t	l
n	c	b	d	o	v	r	o	p	g	f	b
u	n	d	e	r	c	o	v	e	r	n	j

information	cinema	agent	camera	weapon
undercover	actor	gadgets	secret	movie

Answers 答案

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

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False
- Daniel Craig became James Bond after Pierce Brosnan
True
- The new James Bond film has stopped production
True
- The new film was set for release this year
False
- Daniel Craig does not want to be involved in the new film
False

3. Movie Vocabulary 电影词汇

- c
- f
- a
- b
- d
- e

Last night Daniel Craig's new **blockbuster** had its premiere in London.

Thousands of fans turned out to see the **heartthrob** and his **leading lady** walk the red carpet in Leicester Square.

Daniel was one of the first to arrive on the red carpet and signed autographs and posed for photographs.

After the screening, a **star-studded bash** was held in Leicester Square.

The film has already received rave reviews and **movie buffs** are predicting brilliant ticket sales at the **box office**.

2. Idioms 习惯用语

- c
 - d
 - a
 - e
 - b
- I am **up to my eyes**, I really can't help you with that.
 - She had to **bust a gut** to make sure she made it out of work on time.
 - It was a great night we got to **to rub shoulders with** lots of famous musicians.
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 - Those two are always **each other's throats**.

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i			a	g	e	n	t			t
n	c	a	m	e	r	a			e	
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