

Let's Make a Photo Frame!

What you need: craft sticks, cardboard, glue, poster colours, scissors, ruler, stickers, buttons and glitter

**Steps:**

1. First, paint four craft sticks using poster colours.
2. When the paint has dried, glue the painted craft sticks together to form a square.
3. Then, decorate your photo frame using stickers, glitter or colourful buttons.
4. Next, cut a cardboard into a square as big as the frame to make the backing board.
5. Then, stick the backing board at the back of your frame.
6. Cut out your photo to a size that fits well into your frame, and stick it to the backing board.
7. Finally, cut out a rectangular stand from a thick cardboard to make a tab. Glue this tab at the back of your photo frame to support it.

Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

1. When can we glue the painted craft sticks together?

- A. right after painting them
B. after decorating the sticks
C. after cutting the cardboard
D. after the paint has dried



2. Which tool do we need in step 6?

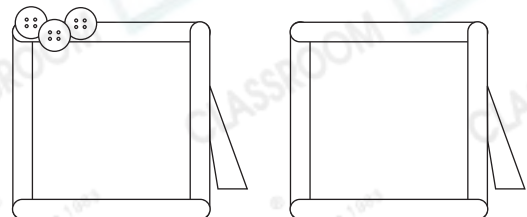
- A. glue and scissors
B. glue and buttons
C. glitter and ruler
D. poster colours

Put a tick '✓' in the brackets if the sentence is true.

3. The backing board and the frame have the same size. ()
4. The tab is made for decoration. ()
5. Paint only two craft sticks using poster colours. ()

Circle the correct picture.

6. How does the finished photo frame look?





Frankenstein

I have watched *Frankenstein* (1994) directed by James Whale. It is a horror film. The story came from a book written by an English writer Mary Shelley in 1818.

Synopsis

In the film, Victor Frankenstein does experiments and invents things. One day he creates a Thing with the body parts of some dead people. When the Thing comes to life, he dislikes his scary look. So he hates Victor and runs away. Surprisingly when he meets Victor again, he does not kill Victor but asks Victor to make a bride for him. Victor agrees. However, Victor breaks his promise later. The Thing is very angry and kills many people, including Victor's wife. Victor brings her back to life with a dead woman's body parts, but she cannot bear her terrible look and burns herself. Years later Victor dies and the Thing kills himself afterwards.

Comment

The film was one of the classic horror films. It was terrifying. The actors' performance was just superb! From this film, I learnt to think twice before making any decisions, because they can be harmful to others and even take their lives.

Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 to 3.

1. What is the job of Victor Frankenstein?

- A. a writer
- B. a doctor
- C. a vet
- D. a scientist

2. What does the Thing do when he cannot get his bride?

- A. kills Victor's brother
- B. marries Victor's wife
- C. creates his own bride
- D. kills Victor's wife

3. The writer of the film review was _____ by the film.

- A. bored
- B. surprised
- C. scared
- D. amused

Put a tick '✓' in the brackets if the sentence is true.

4. The film *Frankenstein* was created in 1818. ()

5. Victor's wife comes back to life in the film. ()

6. The book *Frankenstein* was written by James Whale. ()

The Lion King

The Lion King was first released in 1994. Since then it has become one of Disney's most popular animated films. But the one I saw last week was even better. It was re-mastered for the IMAX screen. It was also matched with a new soundtrack.



Synopsis

The Lion King is an excellent animated film. It is about how a lion cub Simba turns to adult and accepts his destiny. Simba begins his life as a prince, the son of powerful King Mufasa. However, his happy childhood turns tragic when his evil uncle Scar kills his father and drives Simba out of the kingdom. Later, Simba makes friends with Pumbaa and Timon. As Simba gets near adulthood, he is visited by the spirit of his father. He encourages Simba to be courageous and guides Simba to get back the kingdom.

Comment

I was impressed by the animation of the film. However, my favourite was the music. It stayed with me even after I left the cinema. I was also touched by the plot. There were moments of laughter as well as tears in the film. I think it is the best Disney animated musical.

Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.

1. Who is Simba's father?

- A. Scar
- B. Pumbaa
- C. Timon
- D. Mufasa



2. What does 'courageous' mean?

- A. selfish
- B. generous
- C. brave
- D. caring

Answer Question 3 in short.

3. When was *The Lion King* first released?

Put the letters in the correct order.

- 4. A. Simba becomes the king.
- B. Simba leaves the kingdom.
- C. Mufasa dies.
- D. Simba meets Pumbaa.

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Interviewer: Welcome to our show. We're very happy to have a famous American film director to talk to us today. Let's welcome Christopher Cameron! Hello, Mr Cameron. It's an honour to have you on the show.

Cameron: Thank you very much. It's my pleasure to be here.

Interviewer: Mr Cameron, since the introduction of *Night in Egypt*, all the films you directed have been world-famous. In your opinion, why are they so popular?

Cameron: Well, I guess people love my adventure films because the plots are exciting. They also enjoy the special effects. People especially love the themes of my films, such as war, nature and love.

Interviewer: I see. What about you? Do you have any favourite films?

Cameron: Um... I really like *Dawn* which is a crime and gangster film. It was directed by my friend, John Jackson. I was touched by the ending. I was moved to tears when I first watched it! Another of my favourites is a comedy called *Perfect Match* directed by Keith Andrews. The jokes were so funny that I burst into laughter. There was never a boring moment.

Write the correct letter in the box.

- How did Cameron feel about *Perfect Match*?
 - A. bored
 - B. touched
 - C. scared
 - D. amused

Answer the question in a complete sentence.

- What do people love about Cameron's films?

Write the correct letters in the brackets.



- Match the posters with the film names.
 - A. *Night in Egypt*
 - B. *Dawn*
 - C. *Perfect Match*



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Mike: Hi, everyone! Thanks for tuning in to *Sports World*, the radio show that brings all the sports news to you. Today we have a rising badminton star from Hong Kong with us. Let's welcome, Ms Mei Wong. Hello, Mei. We are very happy to have you on our show.

Mei: Thanks, Mike. It's my pleasure to be on this show.

Mike: Congratulations on winning the Hong Kong Badminton Championship. You've just turned seventeen and yet you've achieved so much. What is your secret for your success?

Mei: Well, lots of sweat.

Mike: I see. When did you first decide to be a badminton player?

Mei: I was seven when I had my first badminton lesson. I just fell in love with the game. Since then there was no looking back.

Mike: Did you feel regretful especially when you lost the Junior Championship?

Mei: I won't say it did not affect me, but my family gave me a lot of support. After losing that championship, I doubled my practice sessions each week.

Mike: And now we can all see the results. Please give a message to our listeners.

Mei: I would say, 'never give up your dreams'.

Write the correct letters in the boxes for Question 1 and 2.



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| <p>1. What does Mei mean by 'lots of sweat'?</p> <p>A. She sweats a lot during training.
B. She trains in hot weather.
C. She works very hard.
D. She is unhealthy.</p> | <p>2. What does Mei mean by 'I won't say it did not affect me'?</p> <p>A. It did not affect her.
B. She was very sad.
C. It affected her a bit.
D. It affected her greatly.</p> |
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Answer Question 3 in short.

3. Who is the host of the radio show?

Answer Question 4 in a complete sentence.

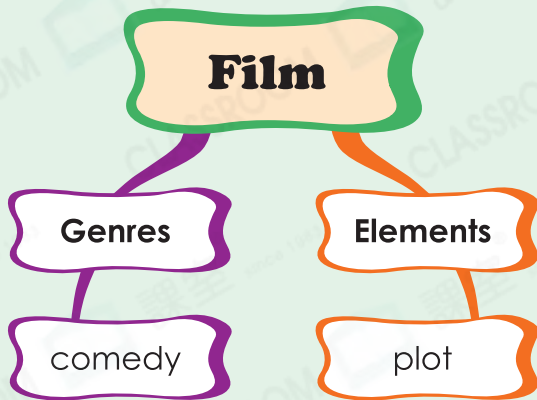
4. How long has Mei played badminton?



Bank of Vocabulary



Think Smart

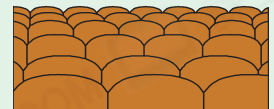


Word Fun

A. Circle the film elements in the wordsearch.

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Film Element	
props	effect
music	plot
cast	scene



B. Match the dialogues of the films with the film genres. Complete the table.

(i) Mum, I see a ghost over there!

(ii) Superdog will save us soon!

(iii) Haha! John has just done something silly.

(iv) I love you, Jack. Don't go.

(v) Put down your gun.

(i)		(ii)	
(iii)		(iv)	
(v)			

- Film Genre**
- animation
 - romance film
 - horror film
 - crime and gangster film
 - comedy



Write Smart

C. Fill in the blanks with the words from Word Box.

- First Love* is a fantastic _____ film. The beautiful _____ is pleasing to the ear.
- Jungle King* is an action film. The _____ is surprising and its visual _____ are amazing!

WORD BOX

- plot
- romance
- effects
- music



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