



Let's think!

1. Can you name some Pixar films?
2. Who is your favourite Pixar film character?

PLAYLIST



READ ALONG



Text 1

Lightyear: Together We Go Further

1 *Lightyear* is an animated sci-fi film featuring Buzz Lightyear, one of the protagonists in the *Toy Story* series. It is a spin-off of the series, and both were produced by Pixar.

2 The film follows Buzz, a commander who leads a mission to investigate whether a remote planet is habitable for humans, alongside commanding officer Alisha. However, their exploration is cut short when they are ambushed by hostile life forms, and Buzz accidentally damages their spacecraft as they flee. The resulting damage leaves the entire crew stranded on the planet.

3 Buzz blames himself for this mistake. He sets out to develop a fuel crystal that has the potential to transport him and the crew back to Earth. Excited, Buzz tests the fuel crystal on the spaceship, but when he returns to the planet, he discovers that four years have passed on it during the four minutes he spent in flight.

4 While Buzz is occupied with developing the fuel crystal, the rest of his crew, including Alisha, manage to establish a colony on the dangerous planet. Every time Buzz takes a test flight using the crystal, he returns to find that they have all aged several years. After a dozen more flights, Buzz comes back to discover that Alisha has passed away due to old age. Her successor, Commander Burnside, orders Buzz to not participate in any further missions, arguing that the crew has settled on the planet and built new lives for themselves. Moreover, they no longer wish to return to Earth.

5 Despite Commander Burnside's orders, Buzz ventures off into space once again. Upon his return to the planet 22 years later, he discovers that it is now threatened by an army of robots, which is led by a ruthless leader named Zurg. With the help of Izzy, Alisha's granddaughter, and a few other crew members, Buzz must now find a way to defeat Zurg and save the planet from destruction.

~320 words



Read Text 1 and answer questions 1–5. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only. (9 marks)

1. According to paragraph 1, which of the following is NOT true about *Lightyear*?

- A. It is a science-fiction film.
 B. It was released after *Toy Story*.
 C. It continues the storyline of *Toy Story*.
 D. It is based on a character from *Toy Story*.

A B C D



2. Why do Buzz and his crew go to 'a remote planet' (lines 4–5)?

- A. to investigate a crime
 B. to refuel their spaceship
 C. to see if it is suitable for humans to live on
 D. to repair the damage of their spaceship

A B C D

3. Using the information in paragraphs 3–4, complete the details of the film.

How long did Buzz's flight last?	(i) _____
How much time has passed on the planet during Buzz's flight?	(ii) _____
What did the crew build on the planet?	(iii) _____
Who takes Alisha's job after her death?	(iv) _____
What does Commander Burnside try to stop Buzz from doing?	(v) _____



4. Who is the main villain of the film?

4 A villain is a character in a book or film who harms other people.

5. Number the following events in chronological order. Write 1–5 in the boxes provided.

Buzz leads a mission to explore the planet.

Buzz needs assistance to confront an opposing force.

Buzz tries to develop a source of energy to return to Earth.

Buzz and Alisha are under attack.

The crew make the planet their new home.

Text 2

www.film.com/reviews/Lightyear

Review:

Lightyear is a bold departure from Toy Story ★★★★★

- 1** This animation is a beautifully crafted masterpiece with stunning visuals and thrilling action sequences. No one can deny the excellent production of this film. The characters are brought to life with vivid facial expressions. The animators paid attention to every detail, from clothing textures to skin tones and even individual hair strands, all of which appear incredibly realistic. Anyone who appreciates artistry will be captivated by this animation. 5
- 2** The importance of teamwork and cooperation is powerfully portrayed through the main character's development. At the start, Buzz is overconfident, rejecting an inexperienced teammate's request to join the mission. However, as he faces various difficulties, he realises the value of his team, telling his teammate, 'I can't do it alone ... I need you.' 10
- 3** Later, when Buzz is given the chance to go back in time and change everything, he turns it down, realising that his decisions will prevent the children of his teammates from being born. Although he has spent his entire life focusing on his obligations as a commander, by this point he has learnt to value his teammates and treasure his relationship with them. 15
- 4** This movie is not just enjoyable for kids—it's suitable for adults too, with plenty of food for thought. Lightyear is truly a film for everyone!

~220 words

Looking into Grammar

Indefinite pronouns do not refer to any person, thing or place in particular.

We use *someone / anyone / no one / everyone* to refer to people, and *something / anything / nothing / everything* to refer to things. They are followed by third-person singular verbs.

✓ *No one can deny* the excellent production of this film.

✓ *Anyone who appreciates artistry will be captivated* by this animation.

? Circle the indefinite pronouns in paragraphs 3–4 of Text 2.

Read Text 2 and answer questions 6–11. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only. (17 marks)



6. According to paragraph 1, why does the writer think that *Lightyear* is a well-made animation? Fill in each blank with ONE word taken from paragraph 1.

- It has great (i) _____ and (ii) _____ scenes.
- The (iii) _____ of the characters are lively.
- Each (iv) _____, such as the characters' hair, appears (v) _____.

7. Look for words in the text to match the following definitions.

- (i) _____ (para. 1) (*n.*) thin threads of something
- (ii) _____ (para. 2) (*adj.*) believing you are better or cleverer than other people
- (iii) _____ (para. 3) (*n.*) duties and responsibilities



8. What does 'them' (line 16) refer to? _____

9. Based on paragraphs 2–3, complete the summary by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

At the beginning of the film, Buzz is too (i) _____ in himself. For example, he (ii) _____ someone who wants to come with him on a mission. But as the film progresses, he realises that he needs his teammates' help to overcome (iii) _____ situations. In the end, Buzz enjoys a close (iv) _____ with those in his team.

10. The phrase 'food for thought' (lines 17–18) is something that _____.

- A. you find enjoyable
- B. is worth seeing
- C. makes you feel young
- D. makes you think carefully

10 Which option fits best in the context of the sentence in lines 17–18?

- A B C D
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11. Determine whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG).

	T	F	NG
(i) The fine quality of this film is undeniable.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(ii) The film can only please a single type of audience.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iii) The animation is a box office hit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Vocabulary

GLOSSARY



A. Complete the discussion forum comments below with the given words. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Adjective: hostile ruthless

Phrase: bring (something) to life

Noun: masterpiece mission protagonist

Verb: ambush portray treasure venture



Let's Talk! > Entertainment > Animation

Discovering *Shrek* and the animator behind its success



Amy_00

I've been hearing my friends talk about *Shrek* lately. What makes this series of animated films so popular, even after all these years?



DC#David

I can give you a simple answer. The *Shrek* series is a (1) _____. It brilliantly twists the plot of traditional fairytales. It features a green ogre named Shrek as the (2) _____. This was rare in animated films because society sees ogres as ugly and (3) _____ creatures. Similarly, the handsome prince is (4) _____ as a selfish and (5) _____ villain. Besides, the fairy godmother is turned into an evil witch who regularly (6) _____ her enemies.



JKMatthew

What makes the series popular among Hong Kong people is because Hong Kong animator Raman Hui was in charge of its design. Raman (7) _____ to Canada in 1989 to learn computer animation and eventually worked at DreamWorks Animation. He (8) _____ every chance he had to work on animated films at Dreamworks and gradually worked his way up to become the supervising animator for *Shrek 1* and *2*. He was also a co-director for *Shrek the Third*. *Shrek* (9) _____ thanks largely to Raman's hard work and imagination. He is driven by a (10) _____ to bring happiness to people of all ages through his creations.



B. Complete the diagram below with the given words or phrases. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Words related to animated film reviews

creativity

dialogue

emotion

role

storyline

target audience

theme

voice acting

the (1) _____:
how events in the film
develop.

the characters: the
(2) _____
each of them play in
shaping the story.

the (3) _____:
the main message that the
creator wants to send.

When writing an animated film
review, we should consider ...

(4) _____:
the ability of a film to
make the audience feel.



(5) _____:
how original the film is.

the (6) _____:
how well the actors have
portrayed the characters
with varied tones.

the (7) _____:
for whom the creator
wants to make the
animated film.

the (8) _____:
how the characters'
lines push the plot
development.

Writing

The next character by Pixar

If you were Pixar, what kind of character would you create in the next film? Write an article in about 180 words.