

# Revision 1

Listen!



You are Lydia. You are reading an article about animated films.

## The evolution of animated films

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5 Animated films are enjoyed by millions of people each year. They have a rather long history. The first animated cartoon was created in 1908. By the 1930s, cartoons were being shown at cinemas. In the 1950s, cartoons became common on TV.



10 Traditionally, animated films were produced with hand-drawn pictures. Each scene was produced with several drawings of only very subtle differences. Then these pictures would be digitalised. When the images were projected on the screen rapidly one after another in order, people could see the characters moving! So you can imagine how much effort, patience and time it took to make an animated film in the past.



15 Thanks to advanced technologies, nowadays most drawings can be drawn on computer. Computer programmes help create smoother movements and clearer pictures. Most of the animated films are three-dimensional, and therefore are more realistic, which is why they are better enjoyed by audiences around the world.

20 Children used to be the target audience for animated films as most of them usually contained moral messages. It is a different case today. Some of the animated films deal with more serious themes which appeal to not only kids but also adults. Pixar is a big name in the field. It produces animated films based on topics that concern everyone, such as topics on interpersonal relationships, psychological well-being, etc. It is expected that more and more great works will be released in the future.

(239 words)

## Part A

Answer the following questions using the information from the article. Choose the **BEST** answer and blacken **ONE** circle only.

1. Animated films \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. are seen by one million people every year  
 B. have a history of only several decades  
 C. nowadays are no longer produced with hand-drawn pictures  
 D. were shown at cinemas before 1950
  
2. Which of the following can best replace the phrase 'Thanks to' in line 14?  
 A. Since  
 B. Although  
 C. Because of  
 D. Finally
  
3. Which of the following is **TRUE** about animated films today?  
i) Modern technologies help make animated films of higher quality.  
ii) Animated films are targeted at children only.  
iii) Pixar is the only company that produces animated films.  
iv) Relationships and mental health are hot topics of animated films.  
 A. i and iii  
 B. i, ii and iii  
 C. i, ii and iv  
 D. i and iv
  
4. Which of the following is another best title for the article?  
 A. The history of animated films  
 B. Animated films, now and then  
 C. The popularity of animated films  
 D. Target audiences of animated films
  
5. The article most probably appears in the \_\_\_\_\_ section of a newspaper.  
 A. international news  
 B. entertainment  
 C. weather  
 D. sports

## Part B

Answer the following questions using the information from the article. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

1. Find a word which means 'seeming like real life' in the third paragraph.

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2. What does 'they' in line 18 refer to?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Find a noun which means 'a well-known and successful company' in the fourth paragraph.

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4. 'The animated films produced nowadays have a higher quality.' Can you give two reasons to support this statement?

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5. The flow chart below shows the traditional procedure for making an animated film. Complete the statements by writing the correct letter in each box. Use each letter once only.



### STATEMENTS

- A. the pictures on the screen quickly.
- B. pictures of only subtle differences.
- C. the pictures drawn.

## Part C Vocabulary

Complete the blog entry by filling in the blanks with the words provided. One of the words is not used.

pop      cameraman      drama series      news      R & B  
director      screenwriter      actors      comedy      make-up artists

### My Favourite Leisure Activity: Watching TV & Films

Many people like watching TV or films in their leisure time. I am definitely one of them.

During weekends or holidays, I prefer going to the cinema.

My favourite type of film is ❶ \_\_\_\_\_.

I laugh a lot with the other audience members when a funny scene comes, so it's a great way to reduce pressure from work!



I like watching films because they are art pieces produced with the joint effort of many people. A good story is written by a ❷ \_\_\_\_\_. Then, a ❸ \_\_\_\_\_ instructs the ❹ \_\_\_\_\_ and actresses to perform the story expressively, while the ❺ \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for the filming. The time spent and effort put into every film are unimaginable.

During weekdays, I usually watch TV after work to relax. ❻ \_\_\_\_\_ are usually broadcast between 8 and 10 pm from Monday to Friday. Music programmes are my first choice as I like listening to ❼ \_\_\_\_\_ music. I'm also a big fan of Jay Chou, who is famous for his ❽ \_\_\_\_\_ songs.

❾ \_\_\_\_\_ is something I can't miss every day because it keeps me up-to-date with what is happening locally and internationally.

What is your favourite activity?

Leave me comments and tell me more!

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