

Inception

Level

Pre-intermediate and above

Tasks

Comparing responses to the question: Have you seen 'Inception'?

Giving students practice in saying figures

Scanning an article and replacing the missing numbers

Reading an article about the film *Inception*

Deciding if words are verbs, nouns or both

Discussing questions arising from the article

How to use the lesson

1 Write the word 'Inception' on the whiteboard and ask students to tell you if they heard of it - the latest film with Leonardo di Caprio. Issue the worksheet and tell students to mark the answer to the question 'Have you seen *Inception*?' which is closest to their own reply. Elicit some answers from the students.

2 Ask students to read the numbers quietly to themselves. Monitor and correct pronunciation as necessary.

3 Students scan the article and replace the missing numbers.

Answers:

(1) five (2) 20% (3) Sixth (4) £25 million
 (5) \$4.5 million (6) three (7) second (8) \$80 million

4 Students read the complete article. Ask them to tell you what they learn about the film. Also, find out which of the films mentioned they have seen. You may wish to look at any useful vocabulary at this point: *complex / rehook / clue / sub-conscious / highest-grossing*.

5 Ask students to study the words in the box and decide if they are verbs (V), nouns (N) or both (B).

Verbs: *invent / encourage / explore / specialize / attract*

Nouns: *industry / investor / clue*

Both: *plant / plot / pause / guess*

6 Divide students into small groups to discuss the questions. Students report back on their discussion to the whole class. Encourage questions and discussion. Finally, give language feedback on any major language errors you notice.

Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.boxoffice.com/>

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1375666/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inception_\(film\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Inception_(film))

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/film/2010/jul/10/film-review-inception-christopher-nolan>