

STEVEN SPIELBERG

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Steven Spielberg is a prolific and super-successful American film director and producer. He has won three Best Movie Oscars, among hundreds of other awards. His movies have made nearly \$8 billion, the highest for any filmmaker in history. 'Time' magazine listed him as one of the 100 greatest people of the 20th Century. 'Life' named him the most influential person of his generation.

Spielberg was born in Ohio in 1946. He was interested in movies when he was very young. At 12, he made a 9-minute film to earn his Boy Scout photography badge. Aged 13, he won a prize for a 40-minute war movie. When he was 16, Spielberg filmed a 2-hour science fiction epic. He set his sights on Hollywood.

Spielberg failed to get into film school because of his high school grades. He was undeterred and went directly to Universal Studios, where he got a position as an intern. In 1968, he made a short film that caught the attention of Universal's vice president. Spielberg became Hollywood's youngest ever director. He spent seven years making TV movies.

Spielberg's first major movie was the shark horror film 'Jaws'. It was a sensational hit and made Spielberg a household name. He has since made many blockbusters that have become a part of world culture, including Jurassic Park, Indiana Jones and E.T. Spielberg has also dealt with serious issues such as slavery, the Holocaust and terrorism. He has also ventured into video game production.

247 words
Flesch Kinkaid 8.2

SYNONYM MATCH: Match the words from the article on the left with their synonyms on the right. Are your answers the same as other students'?

Paragraphs 1 and 2

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. prolific | a. blockbuster |
| 2. in history | b. important |
| 3. influential | c. ambition |
| 4. earn | d. productive |
| 5. epic | e. get |
| 6. sights | f. ever |

Paragraphs 3 and 4

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 7. grades | g. famous |
| 8. undeterred | h. marks |
| 9. attention | i. big |
| 10. major | j. notice |
| 11. a household name | k. topics |
| 12. issues | l. not put off |

PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article.

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. prolific and super- | a. filmmaker in history |
| 2. the highest for any | b. on Hollywood |
| 3. the most influential person | c. as an intern |
| 4. a 2-hour science | d. name |
| 5. He set his sights | e. successful |
| 6. he got a position | f. video game production |
| 7. caught the | g. fiction epic |
| 8. made Spielberg a household | h. of his generation |
| 9. serious issues | i. attention of... |
| 10. He has also ventured into | j. such as slavery |

LISTENING GAP FILL:

Steven Spielberg is _____ super-successful American film director and producer. He has won three Best Movie Oscars, _____ other awards. His movies have made nearly \$8 billion, the highest _____ in history. 'Time' magazine listed him as one of the 100 greatest people of the 20th Century. 'Life' _____ most influential person of his generation.

Spielberg was _____ 1946. He was interested in movies when he was very young. At 12, he made a 9-minute _____ Boy Scout photography badge. Aged 13, he won a prize for a _____. When he was 16, Spielberg filmed a 2-hour science fiction epic. He _____ Hollywood.

Spielberg _____ film school because of his high school grades. He was undeterred _____ to Universal Studios, where he got a position as an intern. In 1968, he made a short film that _____ of Universal's vice president. Spielberg became Hollywood's youngest _____. He spent seven years making TV movies.

Spielberg's first major movie was _____ film 'Jaws'. It was a sensational hit and made Spielberg _____. He has since made many blockbusters that have become a part of world culture, including Jurassic Park, Indiana Jones and E.T. Spielberg has also _____ serious issues such as slavery, the Holocaust and terrorism. He has also _____ video game production.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD:

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs in italics.

Steven Spielberg is a prolific / profile and super-successful American film director and production / producer. He has won three Best Movie Oscars, among hundreds of other awards. His movies have made nearly \$8 billion, the highest with / for any filmmaker in history. 'Time' magazine listed him as one of the 100 greatest people of the 20th Century. 'Life' named him the most influence / influential person of his generation.

Spielberg was born in Ohio *at / in* 1946. He was interested in movies when he was very young. *At / In* 12, he made a 9-minute film to *earn / learn* his Boy Scout photography badge. Aged 13, he won a prize for a 40-minute war movie. When he was 16, Spielberg filmed a 2-hour science fiction epic. He set his *sites / sights* on Hollywood.

Spielberg *failed / foiled* to get into film school because of his high school grades. He was undeterred and went *directly / direction* to Universal Studios, where he got a position as an intern. In 1968, he made a short film that *catch / caught* the attention of Universal's vice president. Spielberg became Hollywood's youngest *ever / even* director. He spent seven years making TV movies.

Spielberg's first major movie was the shark horror film 'Jaws'. It was a *sensational / sensation* hit and made Spielberg a *household / housework* name. He has since made many blockbusters that have become a *part / party* of world culture, including Jurassic Park, Indiana Jones and E.T. Spielberg has also dealt with *seriously / serious* issues such as slavery, the Holocaust and terrorism. He has also ventured into video game production.

SPELLING:

These jumbled words are from the text. Spell them correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a fpirocli and super-successful American film director
2. henudrds of other awards
3. nearly \$8 niolbli
4. the most influential person of his aotgeniner

Paragraph 2

5. He was rsietnetde in movies when he was very young
6. he made a 9-mtneiu film
7. a 2-hour science icnoitf epic
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Paragraph 3

9. Spielberg laeifd to get into film school
10. went tyrceidl to Universal Studios
11. caught the onnatiett of...
12. He spent seven years gknmai TV movies

Paragraph 4

13. rrroho film
14. a uoheolhsd name
15. world uulcert
16. serious issues such as yraslev

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () name. He has since made many blockbusters that have become a part of
- () 16, Spielberg filmed a 2-hour science fiction epic. He set his sights on Hollywood.
- () ever director. He spent seven years making TV movies.
- () Spielberg failed to get into film school because of his high school grades. He was undeterred and went
- () directly to Universal Studios, where he got a position as an intern. In 1968, he made a short film that caught the
- () Spielberg's first major movie was the shark horror film 'Jaws'. It was a sensational hit and made Spielberg a household
- () Century. 'Life' named him the most influential person of his generation.
- (**1**) Steven Spielberg is a prolific and super-successful American film director and producer. He has won three Best
- () as slavery, the Holocaust and terrorism. He has also ventured into video game production.
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- () Movie Oscars among hundreds of other awards. His movies have made nearly \$8 billion, the highest for any filmmaker in
- () film to earn his Boy Scout photography badge. Aged 13, he won a prize for a 40-minute war movie. When he was
- () attention of Universal's vice president. Spielberg became Hollywood's youngest

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With your partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. successful - super director film American

2. nearly made have movies His billion 8 \$

3. generation most person his the influential of

4. 2 epic - Spielberg hour filmed science a fiction

5. He Hollywood on sights his set

6. school failed get film Spielberg to into

7. Hollywood's became Spielberg director ever youngest

8. TV He seven making movies spent years

9. has dealt serious Spielberg also with issues

10. ventured also has He production game video into

STEVEN SPIELBERG DISCUSSION:

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What do you know about Steven Spielberg?
2. Would you like to meet Steven Spielberg?
3. What would you like to know about Steven Spielberg and why?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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STEVEN SPIELBERG DISCUSSION:

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. What did you learn from this text about Steven Spielberg?
2. What questions would you like to ask Steven Spielberg?
3. What would his answers be to those questions?
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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STEVEN SPIELBERG SURVEY:

Write five questions about Steven Spielberg in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Steven Spielberg. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. STEVEN SPIELBERG POSTER: Make a poster showing the different stages of the life of Steven Spielberg. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all find out similar things?

4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Steven Spielberg. Include an imaginary interview with him. Write about what he does every day and what he thinks about.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Steven Spielberg. Ask him three questions about his life. Give him three suggestions on what he should do in his future. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your "Steven Spielberg expert" partner(s) will try and answer your questions.

ANSWERS

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ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Look at the text on page 2.