

## **UNIT 7 PROGRESS TEST**

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### **Reading**

#### **Read the text. Then do Exercise 1.**

In 1998, director James Cameron won the Oscar for Best Picture for the film 'Titanic'. Fifteen years later, he is sure to be a contender again for a number of awards. His latest film, 'Avatar', has been in theatres for a month now and the public response to this brilliant fantasy has been overwhelming.

There are a number of reasons responsible for the popularity of this film. James Cameron has developed a plot that is an allegory to the problems we have today, such as fighting wars and damaging the environment for money. The film tries to give viewers the message that we have a responsibility to respect nature and the relationship it has with us and other animals. He does this by combining a story of romance and adventure. He has created a beautiful fantasy world using the latest in 3D technology.

The movie takes place in the year 2154 on the planet of Pandora. Humans on Pandora are trying to take material they need from the planet to save the environment on Earth. To do this, they need to communicate with the Na'vi who live on Pandora. The Na'vi are 3 metres tall with blue skin and have a special relationship with the environment they live in. Dr. Grace Augustine (played by Sigourney Weaver) creates what is called an 'Avatar' to help the humans gain the trust of the Na'vi. Avatars look exactly like the Na'vi and are

controlled by a human mind. She wants to form a peaceful relationship with them before the human soldiers come in and destroy their land. Joining Grace's team is Sully (played by Sam Worthington), a soldier who cannot walk and is in a wheelchair.

As an Avatar, Sully can walk and run, as he is no longer handicapped. When he is on Pandora, he comes into contact with Neytiri (played by Zoe Saldana), a princess of the Na'vi tribe. At first she is very suspicious of this soldier but then she decides to teach him about her culture and the world she lives in. From the start, Sully reports back to the soldiers but, as time passes, he finds himself torn between the two worlds.

The humans lose patience with Dr. Augustine and her methods and, eventually, decide to attack the Na'vi people who are trying to protect their planet. Sully, then, has to make a decision. Is he a soldier or is he now a Na'vi? He chooses the latter and together with Neytiri and the other Na'vi he fights for the planet of Pandora, against the human soldiers.

Avatar is the most expensive film ever made, reaching a budget of close to 400,000,000 euro! Most of the film budget has gone to the special effects in the movie and the result is absolutely amazing. The alien world of Pandora, the creatures that live there and the Na'vi are all stunning to look at. WETA Digital, which also worked on the highly successful 'The Lord of the Rings' trilogy, has brought the planet of Pandora and the Na'vi to life using 3D technology and the most advanced special effects to date.

Of course, the film is not only about the special effects, since one cannot deny the fact that the cast does a great job as well. Sam

Worthington is very convincing and I am sure we will see him in many more films in the future. As usual, Sigourney Weaver is superb. Stephen Lang, who plays the Colonel, is a character you will love to hate as he leads the soldiers into Pandora. We never see Zoe Saldana, but we do hear her. She is the amazing voice of Neytiri, the Na'vi princess. Neytiri is a CGI character, meaning that she is not real but computer-animated.

**1 Choose the correct answer. [10 points]**

**1** Avatar is a successful film because...

**A** ...people can understand the problems the film talks about.

**B** ...it's a great romance-action film.

**C** ...both of the above.

**2** Why does Doctor Augustine develop Avatars?

**A** To steal resources from the planet Pandora.

**B** To better understand the Na'vi without fighting them.

**C** To report back to soldiers about Pandora.

**3** What does the critic mean when he says Sully is "torn between the two worlds"?

**A** Sully feels close to the Na'vi and must decide whose side he is going to take.

**B** Sully is reporting to both the Na'vi and the humans.

**C** Sully is travelling from one place to another a lot.

**4** The writer believes that...

**A** ...the film was expensive, but the result was worth it.

**B** ...the film was too expensive for what it has to offer.

**C** ...more of the budget should have gone to the actors.

**5** What does the writer mean by “you will love to hate,” in the last paragraph?

**A** Stephen Lang does a bad job as the bad Colonel.

**B** Stephen Lang does a good job as the bad Colonel.

**C** None of the above.

### **Vocabulary**

**2 Fill in the gaps with the words in the correct form.** [6 points]

*articles, subscribers, reporter, viewers, watch, documentary*

My cousin is a **1)** \_\_\_ for an Australian newspaper called *The Times*. He loves his job because he gets to meet a lot of interesting people and be in exciting situations. *The Times* is a very popular newspaper in Australia. There are also a lot of **2)** \_\_\_ who read the newspaper online in Australia and in other countries. He writes lots of **3)** \_\_\_ on the environment. He is also working on a **4)** \_\_\_, which will be shown on TV next week. I am going to **5)** \_\_\_ it. The TV station expects there will be a lot of other **6)** \_\_\_, too.

**3 Complete the sentences with these words.** [6 points]

*chat show, game show, documentary, reality show, sitcom, soap opera*

**1** I have been invited to a morning \_\_\_\_\_ to talk about my new movie.

**2** ‘Next Top Model’ is a very popular \_\_\_\_\_.

**3** There is a very good \_\_\_\_\_ about animals every Wednesday night on television. Unfortunately, not too many people watch it.

**4** My neighbour moved because he won a lot of money on a \_\_\_\_\_.

**5** I like watching a good \_\_\_\_\_ in the afternoon. It’s relaxing to just watch and have a good laugh.

6 The 'Bold and the Beautiful' is the oldest \_\_\_\_\_ on television. It's amazing because all the characters have married each other 2-3 times.

**4 Circle the correct answer.** [5 points]

1 My best friend is moving to Belgium. I hope we **keep in** / **lose** touch.

2 I lost the documents you emailed me. I need to **download** / **upload** them again.

3 I spend too much time **searching** / **surfing** the Internet without really looking for anything specific.

4 I have made a lot of online friends through **search engines** / **social networking sites**.

5 My uncle doesn't buy newspapers. He just **glances at** / **hits** the headlines.

**5 Circle the correct answer.** [5 points]

1 Have you **seen** / **watched** Lilith lately? I hope she is OK.

2 **See** / **Look** at all those reporters. They really want an interview with the politician.

3 I'm sorry, have you **seen** / **looked at** this film before?

4 Did you **see** / **watch** the performance at the Apollo theatre, yet? It's excellent.

5 I always **watch** / **look at** the news first thing in the morning.

6 Wait a just one minute. I am **looking** / **watching** through these papers for the information you need.

### **Grammar**

**6 Complete the sentences using the words in brackets and the tense given in the *passive*.** [9 points]

1 ***present simple*** – This program (show) \_\_\_\_\_ every Friday.

**2 present continuous** – New software (design) \_\_\_\_\_ for work.

**3 present perfect** – That film (show) \_\_\_\_\_ in the theatres.

**4 past simple** – I (taken) \_\_\_\_\_ on a tour of the university.

**5 past continuous** – Our car (wash) \_\_\_\_\_ while we had coffee.

**6 past perfect** – The reporter (inform) \_\_\_\_\_ of the events.

**7 will** – The bridge (complete) \_\_\_\_\_ by next year.

**8 going to** – The statue (display) \_\_\_\_\_ at the square this Sunday.

**9 modal verb** – Some attention (should give) \_\_\_\_\_ to the safety of the building.

**7 Rewrite these sentences in the *passive*.** [6 points]

**1** Iris had shown me the new offices.

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**2** The software can help you with your work.

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**3** The reporters are going to inform the public about the floods.

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**4** Sam hasn't set up their network yet.

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**5** They had given Monica a job as a computer programmer.

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**6** The Academy gave the award to the actor.

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7 No one has ever seen a live giant squid.

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**8 Complete with the causative form.** [6 points]

1 I can't email you for the next two days. I 'm \_\_\_\_\_ my computer \_\_\_\_\_ (fix).

2 They're \_\_\_\_\_ their house \_\_\_\_\_ for summer. (paint)

3 He is \_\_\_\_\_ the software \_\_\_\_\_ in India. (program)

4 I am \_\_\_\_\_ my food \_\_\_\_\_ tonight. (deliver)

5 The director is \_\_\_\_\_ his new film \_\_\_\_\_ by the critics. (review)

6 We're \_\_\_\_\_ the house \_\_\_\_\_ (clean). It was such a mess after the party.

**9 Writing** [20 points]

Write a review of latest album you have heard for your school newspaper. Write 120-150 words.

**Include information about:**

- Choose a singer or a band that you have a strong opinion about.
- Start with a surprising statement.
- Plan before you write.
- Use plenty of adjectives.
- Give your opinion throughout.

**Do not:**

- Just tell the story.
- Write irrelevant information.