



New Robin Hood movie coming

Robin Hood, the famous outlaw from Sherwood Forest, is coming to the big screen!

The new movie, called simply *Robin Hood*, is due to come out in May, 2010. Russell Crowe will play Robin, and the movie will be directed by Ridley Scott.

Russell and Ridley made another famous historical movie together called *Gladiator*. That movie was about the Roman Empire, and it was very popular. So many fans are really looking forward to this new movie about Robin Hood.

Robin Hood was a legendary person in England who robbed rich people and gave the money to the poor. He was extremely skilled with the bow and arrow, and had a group of followers called the Merry Men. In the story, Robin falls in love with a woman named Lady Marion, and he fights against the evil Sheriff of Nottingham.



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A. Reading Skills

Word Power – Use a dictionary and write down what these words mean:

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|----------|---|--------------|---|
| ① famous | ⇒ | ⑥ historical | ⇒ |
| ② outlaw | ⇒ | ⑦ empire | ⇒ |
| ③ screen | ⇒ | ⑧ legendary | ⇒ |
| ④ due | ⇒ | ⑨ merry | ⇒ |
| ⑤ direct | ⇒ | ⑩ sheriff | ⇒ |

Reading Questions

1 What is this news story about?

- A. A famous actor
- B. A famous director
- C. A new movie
- D. A new outlaw

2 Where did Robin Hood live?

- A. The Roman Empire
- B. In Sherwood Forest
- C. In France
- D. In Nottingham

3 When will people be able to see the new movie?

4 Why are fans looking forward to this new movie?

5 Why do you think Robin Hood became legendary?





B. News Extra: Ridley Scott



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Missing words help

effects | people | camera
 fussy | England | such
 successful | detail | best
 awards | well-known | actors

Listen and fill in the gaps

Ridley Scott is a famous movie director _____ . He has made a lot of _____ movies over the years, _____ *Alien*, *Thelma and Louise*, and *Black Hawk Down*.

However, _____ think his historical movies are _____. These include movies like *Gladiator*, *Kingdom of Heaven* and the new movie *Robin Hood*.

Ridley Scott is _____ for the way he uses _____ and makes sure there is a lot _____ in the movie scenes. He also uses _____ and music very well. _____ and movie crew say that he is _____, but others like him because of this.

Ridley has won _____ for his great Hollywood movies. The actors in his films often get amazing awards as well!

True or False?

- | | |
|---|-------|
| 1. Ridley Scott was born in Hollywood. | T / F |
| 2. Ridley doesn't like to use special effects in movies. | T / F |
| 3. Some people think Ridley worries about details too much. | T / F |
| 4. Ridley and the actors he works with have a lot of success. | T / F |





C. Talk Time!

Person A

- ⇒ **Stop right there! Don't move!**
- B. Who's that? What do you want?
- ⇒ **I'm Robin Hood, and these are my merry men. Your gold, please.**
- B. Gold? I don't have any gold. I'm just a poor old man.
- ⇒ **No, you're not. You're a rich fat lord who takes money from poor farmers. Now hand it over!**
- B. Alright, I will – just don't hurt me!
- ⇒ **We won't hurt you. Just pay up!**
- B. Oh dear! Curse you, Robin Hood!

Person B

- A. Stop right there! Don't move!
- ⇒ **Who's that? What do you want?**
- A. I'm Robin Hood, and these are my merry men. Your gold, please.
- ⇒ **Gold? I don't have any gold. I'm just a poor old man.**
- A. No, you're not. You're a rich fat lord who takes money from poor farmers. Now hand it over!
- ⇒ **Alright, I will – just don't hurt me!**
- A. We won't hurt you. Just pay up!
- ⇒ **Oh dear! Curse you, Robin Hood!**

Ask the class!

- ❶ **What are we doing?**
⇒ *Acting (in a play or movie)*
- ❷ **Where do you think we are now?**
⇒ *In a/Sherwood forest.*
- ❸ **Do I believe he is a poor old man?**
⇒ *No. He's a rich fat lord.*
- ❹ **How did I say "give me money now!"?**
⇒ *Hand it over! / Just pay up!*

Ask the class!

- ❶ **Who stopped me?**
⇒ *Robin Hood*
- ❷ **What does Robin want from me?**
⇒ *My gold*
- ❸ **What am I worried about?**
⇒ *Robin Hood hurting me.*
- ❹ **What do you think of Robin Hood?**
⇒ *?*





D. Class Discussion

Questions	❶ What kinds of movies do you like to watch?	❷ Who is your favourite actor or actress?	❸ Is it okay to rob rich people to help poor people?
<u>MY</u> Answers			
Friend 1			
Friend 2			
Friend 3			





E. Write an email

- ① Read the notice you saw on your school notice board:

Actors needed for Robin Hood Play!

We are going to make a school play about Robin Hood and his Merry Men. We need students (boys and girls!) who can play these roles:

Robin Hood | Sheriff of Nottingham | Lady Marion
 Merry men (5) | Rich lords (3) | Soldiers (5) | Poor villagers (5)

Please send an email to Mrs. Lee if you want to be an actor in the play!

- ② Which role from the list would you like to play?
 Write an email to Mrs. Lee and say who you want to play and why:





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Teacher's Notes

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Answer Keys:

A. Reading Skills

1. C 2. B 3. From/In May, 2010 4. Because it has Russell Crowe and Ridley Scott (who made Gladiator)
5. (Open question) – Example: Because he robbed the rich and helped the poor

B. News Extra: Ridley Scott

Ridley Scott is a famous movie director from England. He has made a lot of very successful movies over the years, such as *Alien*, *Thelma and Louise*, and *Black Hawk Down*.

However, many people think his historical movies are the best. These include movies like *Gladiator*, *Kingdom of Heaven* and the new movie *Robin Hood*.

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Location Note

Learners who are in countries without much access to Hollywood movies may find parts of the reading and listening texts difficult to relate to. They may need some background information first.

True or False?

1. F 2. F 3. T 4. T

