

Topic 3 Movies

1. Vocabulary (The MP3 is available online)

1. Tak ings
2. Lu cra tive
3. Flock ing
4. Boost ed
5. Grossed
6. Flick
7. Break neck
8. Shift
9. Fuel ling (br) / Fuel ing (amr)
10. Thriv ing

2. Definitions and Samples

	Word	Form	Definition	Example	Usage Tips	Parts of Speech
1	Takings	<i>n</i>	the amount of money that is earned	Cinema takings for the first 10 months of the year were £100.	Like: <u>income</u> , <u>proceeds</u> , <u>profit</u>	Take (v)
2	Lucrative	<i>adj</i>	producing money or wealth	The business has proved to be highly lucrative .	Like: <u>fruitful</u> , <u>profitable</u> , <u>advantageous</u>	Lucratively (adv) Lucrativeness (n)
3	Flock	<i>v</i>	to gather or move in a flock (group – birds/sheep)	Tourists are flocking to see the eruption of the volcano.	Like: <u>congregate</u> , <u>gather</u> , <u>throng</u>	Flock (n)
4	Boost	<i>v</i>	to increase the force, power, or amount of (something)	Sales boosted with the new 20% discount offer.	Like: <u>increase</u> , <u>hike</u> , <u>lift</u>	Boost (n)
5	Gross	<i>v</i>	overall total exclusive of deductions	They grossed \$50,000 before taxes.	Like: <u>earn</u> , <u>make</u> , <u>take in</u>	Gross (n) Gross (adj)

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6	Flick	<i>n</i>	a movie	I went to the flicks last night.	Like: <u>film</u> , <u>cinema</u> , <u>movie</u>	Flick (n) Flick (v)
7	Breakneck	<i>adj</i>	very fast : dangerously fast	The ambulance drove at breakneck speed to get to the hospital.	Similar to: <u>extremely fast</u> , <u>rapid</u> , <u>headlong</u>	
8	Shift	<i>n</i>	a change in place or position	Recently there has been a gradual shift toward more liberal policies by the government.	Like: <u>change</u> , <u>move</u> , <u>shuffle</u>	Shift (v)
9	Fuel	<i>v</i>	to give support or strength to (something)	The criticism she has faced has only fueled her determination to succeed.	Like: <u>feed</u> , <u>incite</u> , <u>inflamm</u>	Fuel (n)
10	Thrive	<i>adj</i>	characterized by success or prosperity	The once thriving downtown has fallen into steep decline since the new mall was built.	Like: <u>booming</u> , <u>burgeoning</u> , <u>flourishing</u>	Thrive (v)

3. Vocabulary Practice

In groups of 3, please respond and discuss your opinions about the following questions or statements. Please use the **underlined** word in your response and discussion.

1. Do you think the **takings** related to Korean movies are higher than those of Western movies in Korean cinemas?
2. What would be the most **lucrative** job in Korea, in your opinion?
3. Have you ever **flocked** somewhere? If yes, for what reason?
4. How can a government **boost** an economy?
5. What is the average **gross** take-home pay in Korea?
6. What was the last **flick** you saw?

7. Why do taxi drivers here drive at **breakneck** speeds?
8. When was the **shift** from standard cellphones to smart phones in Korea?
9. What do you think about the constant **fuelling** of the fire between Japan and Korea regarding history?
10. If I were to open a business, what type of business would **thrive** in Daegu?

4. Reading and Listening (The *MP3* is available online)

China's box office **takings** have beaten those in the USA for the first time ever. China's movie theatres are now the world's most **lucrative**. This is the result of millions of moviegoers **flocking** to cinemas across China during the nation's week-long New Year celebrations in February. Sales were also **boosted** by Valentine's Day, which is becoming increasingly popular in China. China's box office took in a record \$650 million in February, compared to \$640 million in the USA. The most popular movie with Chinese cinema fans was a movie called The Man From Macau II, which **grossed** \$105 million. The new Jackie Chan **flick**, Dragon Blade, took second spot, earning \$95 million.

China's film industry is growing at **breakneck** speed. As the number of middle-class people is expanding, so too is the number of new cinemas opening. A huge population **shift** from the countryside to urban areas is **fuelling** demand for more cinema screens. Fifteen new screens are being added every day. There are now approximately 23,600 screens in China, which is 475 per cent more than there were in 2008. The USA has 40,000 screens. The forecast is that China will overtake America in the near future.

China's movie industry is **thriving**. It has experienced year-on-year growth of 27 per cent and 36 per cent in the past two years. Much of this success has been without the help of Hollywood blockbusters.

5. Reading Practice

In **Pairs**, have a short discussion on the following:

1. How can the movie industry in China **thrive** when illegal downloading seems to be the norm worldwide?
2. Is the Korean movie industry **thriving**? Why/why not?

6. Conversation Strategies

Presenting the most important point	Presenting a number of arguments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The main thing is...</i>• <i>The most important thing is...</i>• <i>Primarily</i>• <i>Most importantly,</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>First of all, ...</i>• <i>Firstly, ...</i>• <i>Well, firstly ...</i>• <i>To begin with, ...</i>• <i>I'd start by ...</i>• <i>For a start, ...</i>• <i>There're two points here. Firstly, ...</i>• <i>Secondly, ...</i>• <i>There are two problems here....</i>• <i>Moreover...</i>• <i>You also have to consider</i>
<p>Adding an argument</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Also,</i>• <i>Again, that depends on ...</i>• <i>In addition, ...</i>• <i>What's more, ...</i>• <i>I might add that...</i>• <i>Perhaps I should also mention...</i>• <i>Not to mention the fact that ...</i>• <i>Plus the fact that...</i>• <i>Not only that, but...</i>	

7. Conversation Strategy Practice

Please use the Topics and Presenting Arguments language below to have a short conversation. Look at the **Example** for some help.

Example:

Topic = **Action Movies**

Student A: Opinion Question = *What do you think about Action Movies?*

Student B: Delaying Strategy = *Hmm, that's a difficult question to answer.*

Student A: Response= *I know, but I'd like to hear your opinion.*

Student B: Presenting Arguments = Okay, well *first of all*, I know they are silly, but I like them.

Also, they have great special effects. *Most importantly*, it's pure escapism from reality.

Practice:

Student A:

Please ask Opinion Questions with the Topics below & have a short conversation with Student B.

- Musicals
- 원빈

Student B:

Please ask Opinion Questions with the Topics below & have a short conversation with Student A.

- 박찬욱
- Romantic-comedies

8. Phrasal Verbs

These *Phrasal Verbs* are very common in relation to **Movies**.

Phrase	Meaning	Collocation	Example
Figure *out*	To solve / understand a problem	story plot	It took me ages to figure out the plot .
Get *across*	To make something clear or convincing	meaning message	The company mainly used TV advertising to get their message across .
Stick *on*	To play a movie	movie film	I cracked open a beer and stuck on a movie .
Come on	Start	film movie	We had a good chat before the film came on .

Turn into*	to make someone or something change or develop into something different	book novel movie	His first novel was turned into a movie for television.
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9. Idioms/Phrases

These Idioms are very common and they are connected to **Movies**.

Idioms/Phrases	Meaning	Situation	Example
To be star-studded	Lots of famous people in a film, play etc.	Event	It was a star-studded event .
Spin-off	A television program, movie, book, etc., that is based on characters from another television program, movie, book, etc.		This TV show is a spin-off of the one aired last year. Some of the same actors are in it.
in the limelight	To be the center of attention.	Usually used in a negative sense.	Ignore her, she'd do anything to keep herself in the limelight .
(be) the ticket	The way, the means, the solution, the cure		A: I'm so thirsty. I need a beer. B: Yep, that's the ticket!
Prima donna	A person who thinks she or he is better than everyone else.	Usually used negatively	The actress is a temperamental prima donna .