



What Does the Future Hold for Star Wars?

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

gross	To earn an amount of money before tax.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Top earning mobile phone games can gross more than 3 million dollars a day.</i>

franchise	A series of related books, movies, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Harry Potter is one of the most successful movie franchises of all time.</i>

trilogy	A series of three related movies, books, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The documentary offers a behind-the-scenes look at the making of the famous trilogy.</i>



portray	To describe or present someone or something in a particular way; to play a particular role in a film or play.
[verb]	<i>Ex: Foreign media portray us differently from how we perceive ourselves.</i>

dictate	To control or affect.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The government's decision was dictated by popular opinion.</i>

finale	The last part or item of a performance, television series, etc.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I thought the season finale was pretty awful.</i>



Exercise 2 – Reading

Read the text aloud with your tutor and discuss the key points.

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Since 1977, when the first movie came out, Star Wars has become the second highest-grossing movie franchise ever. Only the Marvel movie franchise has made more money.

Since Disney gained the rights to Star Wars in 2012 by buying Lucasfilm for \$4 billion, it has continued to expand the Star Wars universe, including five new movies and the first live-action Star Wars TV series, The Mandalorian. But what's next?

After the success of the first season of The Mandalorian, it's no surprise that a second season is on the way, due to be released on Disney+ in October. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the new season will feature a famous character from the original Star Wars trilogy, Boba Fett. He will be played by Temuera Morrison, who portrayed Boba Fett's "father," Jango Fett, in the 2002 film Attack of the Clones.



Another live-action TV series will focus on Cassian Andor, the hero from the 2016 movie *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. The series will be a spy thriller, set in the time leading up to the events of *Rogue One*.

A third planned live-action TV series will be about Obi-Wan Kenobi starring Ewan McGregor, who portrayed a younger version of the character in the 1999 movie *The Phantom Menace*. Kenobi was originally played in the first *Star Wars* movies by Sir Alec Guinness, who died in 2000.

When it comes to new movies, Kathleen Kennedy, the president of Lucasfilm, has said that the studio will move away from making trilogies and instead let the stories they tell dictate the number of movies they make.

At the moment, there are at least three new *Star Wars* movies being worked on, planned for 2022, 2024 and 2026. It was recently reported that one of the new movies will be directed by New Zealand's Taika Waititi, who recently directed the Marvel movie *Thor: Ragnarok* and the season one finale of *The Mandalorian*. And Kevin Feige, the president of Marvel Studios, is also reportedly working on a *Star Wars* movie of his own.



Exercise 3 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you find it surprising that Star Wars is the second highest-grossing movie franchise ever?
2. Who's the biggest Star Wars fan you know? Please describe them.
3. What's your favorite movie franchise? When did you first watch it?
4. Who are your favorite movie characters of all time? Why?
5. What was the last movie you saw at the cinema? Did you enjoy it?
6. What upcoming films are you looking forward to seeing? Why?
7. What movies do you think you'll never get tired of watching? Why?
8. Do you prefer watching movies alone or with others? Why?