

Animated Series of “The Fast and The Furious” to Premiere on Netflix

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Unlocking Word Meanings

Read the following words/expressions found in today’s article.

- 1. **franchise** / ‘fræn tʃaɪz / (n) – a collection or group of related media like books, films, and TV programs
Example: The movie **franchise** has six films.
- 2. **spin-off** / ‘spɪn ɔf, - ɒf / (n) – a product that is based on a movie, book, or TV program
Example: The new TV series is a **spin-off** of the popular film.
- 3. **protagonist** / prouˈtæg ə nɪst / (n) – the main character of a story
Example: I am excited about the movie because my favorite actor will play the **protagonist**.
- 4. **phenomenon** / fɪˈnɒm əˌnɒn / (n) – something that is considered great
Example: The film series is already a **phenomenon** because it has been sold to over a hundred countries.
- 5. **enticing** / ɛnˈtʌɪs ɪŋ / (adj) – attractive
Example: I feel that many people will watch the film because of its **enticing** teaser.

Article

Read the text below.

Netflix is set to release an animated series version of the popular action film *The Fast and The Furious* in July 2019.

The series is a project under a five-year deal between Netflix and DreamWorks Animation (DWA). Executive producers of the series include *The Fast and The Furious* cast member Vin Diesel, Neal Moritz, and Chris Morgan, who also produced the film **franchise**.

Currently, the film franchise has eight films, with the first installment released in 2001. The film’s plot revolves mainly around an illegal street-racing group.

The animated series is a **spin-off** of the live-action films and will still focus on the subject of illegal street racing. However, the content is expected to be more suitable for children, as opposed to the films’ PG-13 rating. Tony Toretto, the **protagonist** of the animated series, is the teenage cousin of Dominic Toretto from the film series. Dominic is one of the films’ main characters and is played by Vin Diesel.

The spin-off’s plot will be about Tony and his friends and how they will help a government agency gain access to a criminal organization disguised as a street-racing group.

Melissa Cobb, vice president for Netflix Kids and Family, expressed her excitement for the upcoming animated series. She perceives *The Fast and The Furious* as a worldwide **phenomenon** that cuts across different generations. This is why she is hopeful that the spin-off will be as **enticing** as its film counterpart.

On another note, a ninth installment of the film series is reported to be in the works. It is scheduled to be released in April 2020.

Viewpoint Discussion

Enjoy a discussion with your tutor.

Discussion A

- If you were a fan of The Fast and The Furious film series, would you be interested to watch its animated version? Explain.

- Do you think the animated series’ plot about illegal street racing will be suitable for children? Why?

Discussion B

- What do you think makes a film a worldwide phenomenon? Discuss.

- If you were to produce a movie, what would it be about? Explain.