

Speaking Lesson

Lesson 35: Who's in it?

レッスン 35: 誰が出ているの?

Target: Talking about movies in detail

目的: 映画について細かく話してみましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• a superhero	スーパーヒーロー	• activate...	始動させる
• an avenger	復讐者	• a portal	門
• an invasion	侵略	• an assassin	暗殺者
• a god	神	• brainwash...	洗脳する
• mischief	いたずら	• assemble a team	チームを組む
• all-star cast	スター総出演	• inhabit...	住む
• top secret	極秘	• fluid	滑らかな
• a facility	機関	• crisp	鮮明な
• feature...	特色の	• underestimate...	見くびる

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Yesterday, my friends and I went to the movies and we saw "The Avengers." It was really good. The movie is about a group of superheroes, who are called "The Avengers" and they have to save the world from an alien invasion led by Loki, the god of mischief.

The movie has an all-star cast: Robert Downey, Jr., Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson, Jeremy Renner, Tom Hiddleston, Clark Gregg, Cobie Smulders, Stellan Skarsgård, Samuel L. Jackson & Gwyneth Paltrow.

The movie starts off with some scientists in a top secret facility attempting to use a strange blue cube called "The Tesseract." This item was featured in an earlier movie in the series, "Captain America - The first Avenger." While the scientists are trying to activate the cube, a portal opens and Loki comes out, after a brief battle, the facility is destroyed and one of the Avengers, a skilled assassin called "Hawkeye" is brainwashed and helps Loki escape.

The loss of The Tesseract places the whole world in danger, so Nick Fury, who is the director of Shield (a secret government organization) assembles a team of superheroes to stop Loki and get the Tesseract back.

The movie is set in the present day Marvel universe, which is the universe that all characters from Marvel inhabit. e.g. Spiderman, Wolverine, the Fantastic Four, Elektra, The X-Men, etc. all live in the same universe and can interact with each other.

The special effects in the movie are simply incredible. The CGI is photo realistic. There is some much detail and the movements are so fluid that you really can't really tell what's been made on a computer and what hasn't. Also, the movie was shot in 3D, and if you watch the 3D version, you'll notice that the images are really crisp and some scenes, especially the final battle have really amazing depth, and you really feel like the battle is taking place around you.

The highlight for me was definitely when "The Hulk" tossed "Loki" around like a ragdoll. Everyone in the cinema exploded in laughter. You should never underestimate how satisfying a "Hulk smash" can be. I thoroughly recommend this movie.

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Answer the questions below

1. What is the movie about?
2. Does the movie have an all-star cast?
3. How does the movie start off?
4. When and where in the movie set?
5. How were the special effects?
6. Was the movie shot in 3D?
7. What scene has amazing depth?
8. What was the highlight?

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