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## Dwayne Johnson and Chris Evans' 'Red One' Surpasses \$100M Worldwide

### Description

Amazon MGM Studios' highly anticipated Christmas action film, *Red One*, featuring Dwayne Johnson and Chris Evans, is poised to surpass the remarkable milestone of **\$100 million** at the global box office as of tomorrow.

Although the film debuted below projected expectations in the U.S. and Canada with a weekend haul of \$32.1 million, it demonstrated substantial performance on Tuesday, generating \$3.1 million—an impressive 87% increase from Monday's \$1.66 million. This Tuesday figure closely approximates the \$3.4 million that Johnson's *Rampage* earned on its inaugural Tuesday; however, *Rampage* accomplished its \$100 million domestic gross over an extended theatrical release. Additionally, *Red One's* Tuesday performance outpaced *IF's* Tuesday figure of \$2.86 million. Wednesday brought in \$1.4 million, while projections for today estimate \$1.2 million. Presently, the film's overseas total for the \$200 million to \$250 million production stands at \$55 million, with Warner Bros. managing the international territories. Initially, Amazon intended to release the film exclusively on its streaming platform but subsequently transitioned to a theatrical release. According to insiders, if *Red One* can recoup its global print and advertising costs estimated at \$100 million, it will be considered a success for the platform.

This weekend, *Red One* will encounter significant competition from Universal's *Wicked Part One*, starring Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo, and Paramount's *Gladiator II*, directed by Ridley Scott and featuring Paul Mescal. *Wicked* has already conducted fan screenings on Monday and Wednesday, with expectations of a domestic opening weekend gross between \$130 million and \$150 million. Meanwhile, *Gladiator II* is anticipated to exceed \$60 million in its debut. Recent presales for *Wicked* reportedly reached an impressive \$30 million. Analysts hope that *Red One* may experience a relatively modest decline of 55% in its second weekend, translating to approximately \$14.4 million in revenue.

The film has garnered an A- CinemaScore, which is promising for its long-term viability despite mixed critical reception. Historically, Christmas-themed films released prior to the COVID-19 pandemic have demonstrated multiples ranging from three to five times their opening box office returns. However, this trend may be complicated by the existence of a streaming release on the horizon.



Notably, *Polar Express*, which was initially perceived as a failure upon its 2004 release—earning \$23.2 million despite a production cost of \$170 million—ultimately achieved a staggering sevenfold return from its domestic opening, culminating in a total of \$162.7 million from its first run, bolstered by an A+ CinemaScore. Directed by Robert Zemeckis and featuring Tom Hanks, the CGI animated film later amassed an additional \$26.8 million during theatrical re-releases, resulting in a lifetime gross of \$189.5 million in the U.S. and Canada. On a global scale, the adaptation of Chris Van Allsburg's children's book has amassed an impressive \$318.3 million, further enriched by steady revenues from subsequent linear television broadcasts and streaming. At the time of its debut, *Polar Express* faced criticism for its experimental motion-capture animation, which was considered unsettling; however, perceptions have evolved significantly over the years.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Anticipated** /æn'tɪs.i.ˈpeɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Regarded as likely to happen; expected.
2. **Substantial** /səb'stæn.jəl/ (adjective): Of considerable importance size or worth.
3. **Complicated** /'kɒm.plɪ.keɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Hard to understand; intricate or complex.
4. **Viability** /vaɪə'bɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The ability to live or work successfully.
5. **Evolved** /ɪ'vɒlvd/ (verb): Developed gradually especially from a simple to a more complex form.
6. **Criticism** /'krɪt.ɪ.sɪ.zəm/ (noun): The expression of disapproval based on perceived faults or mistakes.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who are the lead actors in the Christmas action film "Red One"?  
Option: Dwayne Johnson and Chris Evans  
Option: Tom Cruise and Will Smith  
Option: Brad Pitt and Leonardo DiCaprio  
Option: Scarlett Johansson and Jennifer Lawrence
2. What was the Tuesday box office earnings of "Red One" mentioned in the text?  
Option: \$3.1 million  
Option: \$5.0 million  
Option: \$2.0 million  
Option: \$4.5 million



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3. Which film had a \$100 million domestic gross over an extended theatrical release?
- Option: Red One
  - Option: Rampage
  - Option: IF
  - Option: Polar Express
4. What is the production cost range of "Red One"?
- Option: \$100 million to \$150 million
  - Option: \$150 million to \$200 million
  - Option: \$200 million to \$250 million
  - Option: \$50 million to \$100 million
5. Which studio is managing the international territories of "Red One"?
- Option: Amazon
  - Option: Universal
  - Option: Warner Bros.
  - Option: Paramount
6. Which film faced criticism for its experimental motion-capture animation upon its release?
- Option: Red One
  - Option: Wicked
  - Option: Gladiator II
  - Option: Polar Express

### True-False

7. The film "Red One" debuted above projected expectations in the U.S. and Canada.
8. Amazon initially intended to release "Red One" exclusively on its streaming platform.
9. "Wicked" is starring Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo.
10. Analysts expect "Red One" to have a second weekend revenue decline of 50%.
11. "Polar Express" achieved a sevenfold return from its domestic opening.
12. The CGI animated film "Polar Express" was directed by Ridley Scott.



## Gap-Fill

14. Analysts hope that "Red One" may experience a decline of \_\_\_\_\_ in its second weekend revenue.
15. The adaptation of Chris Van Allsburg's children's book "Polar Express" has amassed an impressive \_\_\_\_\_ million on a global scale.
16. The film "Red One" garnered an A- CinemaScore, which is promising for its \_\_\_\_\_ viability despite mixed critical reception.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Dwayne Johnson and Chris Evans 2. \$3.1 million 3. Rampage 4. \$200 million to \$250 million 5. Warner Bros. 6. Polar Express

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 14. 55% 15. 318.3 16. long-term

## Vocabulary quizzes

### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What is the term for designing and arranging dance movements?  
Option: Succumbed  
Option: Preeminent  
Option: Choreography  
Option: Meticulous
2. Which word means forbidden or not allowed?  
Option: Colluded  
Option: Prohibited  
Option: Instigated  
Option: Philanthropic
3. Which word describes something causing a marked change or alteration?



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- Option: Recuperating  
Option: Criticism  
Option: Transformative  
Option: Ardent
4. Which term refers to feelings of worry or unease about something?  
Option: Intriguing  
Option: Choreography  
Option: Acclaimed  
Option: Concerns
5. What is the term for handling or controlling something in a skillful manner often unfairly or dishonestly?  
Option: Emotional  
Option: Orchestrating  
Option: Manipulate  
Option: Anticipated
6. Which word means peaceful or calm?  
Option: Dubious  
Option: Constraints  
Option: Tranquil  
Option: Viability
7. What term describes gradual development or change over time?  
Option: Evolving  
Option: Complicated  
Option: Succumbed  
Option: Alleging
8. Which word refers to recovering health strength or balance after illness or hardship?  
Option: Arduous  
Option: Portrayed  
Option: Recuperating  
Option: Substantial
9. What word means of considerable importance size or worth?  
Option: Transported  
Option: Prohibited  
Option: Substantial  
Option: Alleging
10. Which term refers to the ability to work or be successful?  
Option: Ardent



- Option: Prohibited
- Option: Viability
- Option: Transformative

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The team \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's strategy and prepared for a strong defense.
12. The elderly couple enjoyed each other's \_\_\_\_\_ during their daily walks in the park.
13. His \_\_\_\_\_ about the project's timeline led him to request additional resources.
14. Despite facing harsh \_\_\_\_\_ the artist continued to push the boundaries of creativity.
15. The movie's ending left the audience feeling deeply \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Some politicians try to \_\_\_\_\_ public opinion through misleading statements.
17. The billionaire's \_\_\_\_\_ efforts have positively impacted many communities.
18. After the surgery she spent weeks \_\_\_\_\_ at home before returning to work.
19. Despite the medical team's efforts the patient eventually \_\_\_\_\_ to the illness.
20. The new technology had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on how businesses operated.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. She was known for her attention to detail when designing costumes for the play.
22. Completing the marathon was an task that required months of training.
23. The journalist was accused of falsely corruption within the government.
24. The company's sudden success raised among industry analysts.
25. The rumors were deliberately spread to unrest among the employees.
26. The social media campaign was successful due to the efforts of the marketing team.
27. The legal case became more as new evidence emerged.



28. He was an supporter of environmental conservation and spent weekends volunteering at wildlife reserves.

29. The artist's latest painting was widely for its unique style and emotional depth.

30. The actor skillfully the inner turmoil of the character through subtle gestures and expressions.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Choreography 2. Prohibited 3. Transformative 4. Concerns 5. Manipulate 6. Tranquil 7. Evolving 8. Recuperating 9. Substantial 10. Viability

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Anticipated 12. Companionship 13. Concerns 14. Criticism 15. Emotional 16. Manipulate 17. Philanthropic 18. Recuperating 19. Succumbed 20. Transformative

**Matching sentence:** 1. Meticulous 2. Arduous 3. Alleging 4. Dubious 5. Instigated 6. Orchestrating 7. Complicated 8. Ardent 9. Acclaimed 10. Portrayed

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