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## “Wicked” Set for Spectacular \$165M Global Box Office Debut

### Description

The movie 'Wicked' had a great global debut, making \$165M so far. Most of this money, \$117M, came from North America. The rest, \$48M, was made at international box offices.

'Wicked' is a really popular Broadway show. Now, the movie has had the biggest opening weekend ever for a Broadway adaptation. It beat 'Les Miserables' which made \$103M. Now 'Wicked' has the fourth biggest opening weekend for any musical.

'Wicked' came out in 61 countries so far, but not in big countries like France and China. Yet, it is already really popular and making a lot of money.

In the UK, it's the number one movie. Fans love seeing Cynthia Erivo (Elphaba) and Ariana Grande (Glinda). The movie made over \$15M in the UK.

In Australia, Mexico, and Korea, 'Wicked' is also number one. It had the biggest opening day ever for a musical stage adaptation in Mexico.

The movie 'Gladiator II' is also doing really well overseas. If you add up all the countries, it made over \$200M.

We'll have more updates on the box office earnings tomorrow.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Adaptation** /ˌædæp'teɪʃən/ (noun): A work that has been changed from one form to another such as a book to a film.
2. **Debut** /deɪ'bjuː/ (noun): The first public appearance of a performer or the first showing of a play or film.
3. **Earnings** /'ɜːrnɪŋz/ (noun): Money obtained in return for labor or services.
4. **Global** /'glɒʊbəl/ (adjective): Related to or covering the whole world.
5. **Opening** /'ɒpənɪŋ/ (adjective): Relating to the beginning or first performance of something.
6. **Popular** /'pɒːp.jə.lər/ (adjective): Liked or admired by many people.

### Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. How much money did the movie "Wicked" make globally so far?  
Option: \$117M  
Option: \$165M  
Option: \$48M  
Option: \$200M
2. Which country contributed the most to the earnings of "Wicked"?  
Option: France  
Option: North America  
Option: Australia  
Option: China
3. Which musical did "Wicked" beat for the biggest opening weekend ever for a Broadway adaptation?  
Option: Les Miserables  
Option: The Lion King  
Option: Hamilton  
Option: Cats
4. In how many countries has "Wicked" been released so far?  
Option: 50  
Option: 61  
Option: 75  
Option: 40
5. Who are the actors playing Elphaba and Glinda in "Wicked"?  
Option: Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande  
Option: Emma Stone and Jennifer Lawrence  
Option: Sandra Bullock and Meryl Streep  
Option: Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom Hanks
6. How much money did "Gladiator II" make overseas?  
Option: \$100M  
Option: \$200M  
Option: \$150M  
Option: \$250M



### True-False

7. The movie "Wicked" has the fifth biggest opening weekend for any musical.
8. The movie "Wicked" has not been released in big countries like France and China.
9. The movie "Gladiator II" is also performing well in domestic box offices.
10. Over \$100M of "Wicked" earnings came from international box offices.
11. Fans in the UK love seeing Tom Hanks in "Wicked."
12. Australia had the smallest opening day earnings for "Wicked."

### Gap-Fill

13. The movie "Wicked" had the biggest opening weekend ever for a Broadway adaptation until 2021 when it surpassed the musical \_\_\_\_\_.
14. In the UK, "Wicked" made over \$ \_\_\_\_\_ M, becoming the number one movie.
15. The international earnings of "Wicked" totaled \$ \_\_\_\_\_ M.
16. The chairman of Tata Group from 1990 to \_\_\_\_\_ was Ratan Naval Tata.
17. The movie "Wicked" was released in 61 countries, excluding big markets like France and \_\_\_\_\_.
18. In Mexico, "Wicked" had the biggest opening day ever for a musical stage adaptation, making it the number one movie with earnings exceeding \$ \_\_\_\_\_ M.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. \$165M 2. North America 3. Les Miserables 4. 61 5. Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande 6. \$200M

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. Les Miserables



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## Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. Which type of movie adaptation involves real actors portraying the characters?  
Option: A) Animation  
Option: B) Live-action  
Option: C) Cartoon  
Option: D) Documentary
2. What do cinemas eagerly anticipate to boost earnings for a new movie release?  
Option: A) Conclusion  
Option: B) Sequel  
Option: C) Premier  
Option: D) Opening
3. Which term refers to a female actor?  
Option: A) Director  
Option: B) Producer  
Option: C) Actress  
Option: D) Stuntman
4. What type of impact does a movie have when it is popular worldwide?  
Option: A) Local  
Option: B) Regional  
Option: C) National  
Option: D) Global
5. What is the first appearance of a character or artist in a movie called?  
Option: A) Encore  
Option: B) Premiere  
Option: C) Debut  
Option: D) Epilogue
6. What type of movie adaptation usually reflects the traditions and customs of a society?



- Option: A) Commercial
- Option: B) Cultural
- Option: C) Modern
- Option: D) Religious

7. What embodies the enthusiasm and energy of a celebrated movie event?

- Option: A) Mood
- Option: B) Ambiance
- Option: C) Spirit
- Option: D) Atmosphere

8. What describes a movie that is different or uncommon in its approach?

- Option: A) Typical
- Option: B) Common
- Option: C) Standard
- Option: D) Unusual

9. What is a famous person especially in the entertainment industry called?

- Option: A) Nobility
- Option: B) Starlet
- Option: C) Celeb
- Option: D) Celebrity

10. What word means to stand for or symbolize something in a movie context?

- Option: A) Portrays
- Option: B) Exhibits
- Option: C) Represents
- Option: D) Demonstrates

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

11. Film studios heavily depend on box office \_\_\_\_\_ to gauge a movie's success.

12. The movie trailer \_\_\_\_\_ a thrilling adventure but the actual film fell short of expectations.

13. Audiences felt \_\_\_\_\_ by the movie's misleading marketing campaign.

14. The success of a film can heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on the talents of the director.



15. The movie managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the expectations of even the harshest critics.
16. The protagonist in the film felt incredibly \_\_\_\_\_ despite being surrounded by people.
17. The movie franchise expanded to become an \_\_\_\_\_ of interconnected storylines and characters.
18. The director's unique style left a lasting \_\_\_\_\_ on the movie industry.
19. The actor received a prestigious \_\_\_\_\_ for their contribution to cinema.
20. The movie followed a popular \_\_\_\_\_ of blending genres to attract a wider audience.

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

21. The action-packed blockbuster featured massive explosions and widespread chaos.
22. The movie poster was beautifully designed with striking visuals and vibrant colors.
23. Bidders competed fiercely to own a piece of cinematic history at the movie memorabilia auction.
24. The comedy film became so well-liked that it topped the charts for weeks.
25. The filmmaker's unique vision left an indelible mark on the movie industry.
26. The main character in the movie symbolized the struggles of an entire generation.
27. The historical drama delved into the traditions and beliefs of a specific time period.
28. The epic film chronicled the rise and fall of powerful rulers from ancient civilizations.
29. The launch event for the movie drew in crowds of excited fans and media coverage.
30. The award ceremony was a time to honor excellence in the movie industry and rejoice in achievements.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B) Live-action 2. D) Opening 3. C) Actress 4. D) Global 5. C) Debut 6. B) Cultural 7. C) Spirit 8. D) Unusual 9. D) Celebrity 10. C) Represents

**Gap-Fill:** 11. earnings



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12. promises 13. fooled 14. depend 15. fulfill 16. lonely 17. empire 18. stamp 19. honor 20. trend

**Matching sentence:** 1. destruction 2. artwork 3. auction 4. popular 5. stamp 6. represent 7. cultural 8. emperors 9. opening 10. celebrate

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