

Films in English

1 Read. Underline *when* and *because*.

SEQUELS

► What is a sequel?

A sequel is the next part of a story. For example, *Toy Story 2* and *Toy Story 3* are sequels to *Toy Story*. When a film is successful, the film company often decides to make a sequel.

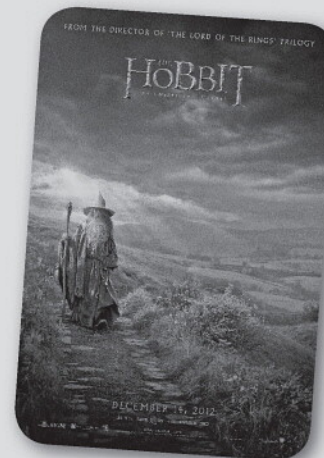


► Why are sequels popular?

People enjoy watching sequels because they get to see their favourite characters in new adventures. Some sequels are more popular than the first film in the series. When *X-Men* was released in 2000, it was very popular, but more than 30 percent more people went to see the sequel, *X2*.

► The Lord of the Rings series

The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring has got a lot of sequels because the films are based on a series of books by J. R. R. Tolkien. When *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* was made, it was the fourth film in the series. However, the film is actually a prequel because the story comes before all the other *Lord of the Rings* films.



2 Answer the questions

- What do film companies often decide to do when a film is successful? They often decide to make a sequel.
- Why do people enjoy watching sequels?

- Why has *Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* got a lot of sequels?

- What is a prequel?

3 Connect the sentences. Use *when* or *because*.

- I started school. I met my best friend.
When I started school, I met my best friend.
- Mum gave me a drink. I was thirsty.

- The sequel is more popular than the first film. It has better visual effects.

- Dad started a new job. We moved house at the same time.

- We arrived at school. The lesson was about to start.

- Toby was tired. He got up very early.

1 Read the web page. Circle the correct question tags.



All about Canada

Questions and answers

We are doing a school project about food around the world. Last week, we made pancakes with maple syrup. They were delicious! I would like to find out more about the history of maple syrup for the project. The Canadian aboriginal people were the first people to collect the syrup, ¹ **were they / weren't they?**

Danni

Yes, that's right. They made holes in the maple trees and collected the syrup in buckets. They used the syrup to cook a special meal of deer meat for their chief. Today, people use maple syrup for all kinds of food: pancakes, waffles, biscuits, cake and porridge. I'm sure you and your friends loved the pancakes, ² **weren't you / didn't you?**

I am doing a school project on the Mounties. I have found lots of information on the Internet and I would like to check some facts:

- 1 The Royal Canadian Mounted Police force started in 1920, ³ **did / didn't it?**
- 2 There were mounted police in Canada before 1920, ⁴ **were / weren't there?**
- 3 When the Mounties started, women weren't allowed to join, ⁵ **were / did they?**

Becca

Your facts are correct! In May 1873, the North-West Mounted Police force was formed. In 1920, this force joined the Dominion Police force and became The Royal Canadian Mounted Police force (or the Mounties). To begin with, only men could join the Mounties but, in 1974, women were allowed to join. In 2006, a woman got the most important job in the Mounties.

2 Complete the questions about Canada. Then match them to the correct answers.

- 1 The Mounties were formed in 1920, weren't they?
- 2 Danni made pancakes at school, _____?
- 3 The aboriginals used maple syrup to cook vegetables, _____?
- 4 There were mounted police before 1920, _____?
- 5 The first women joined the Mounties in 1920, _____?

- a Yes, she did. They were delicious.
- b Yes, there were.
- c Yes, they were.
- e No, they didn't. They used it to cook meat.
- f No, they didn't. They joined in 1974.

English around the World

1 Read the text and underline *unless*.

English in the European Union

There are 25 countries in the European Union (EU) – and 24 different languages! English is the main language in the UK and Ireland. English is the most commonly spoken foreign language in most of the other EU countries, too. More than a third of people in these countries say that they can speak enough English to hold a conversation. Three main languages are used for official EU documents: English, German and French. Unless they did this, the cost of translating documents into all the different EU languages would be much too high.

English in the United Nations

The United Nations (UN) uses six official languages: English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic.

However some people have criticized the UN, saying that it uses English too much. Unless the UN uses all six languages equally, they say, it does not respect member countries equally.

Is English enough?

Two billion people in the world use English to communicate. However, about 75% of people around the world don't speak English. This is why it is important for English speakers to learn another language, too. Unless they understand another language, they won't be able to understand another culture.



2 Read and text again and complete the sentences.

- 1 The cost of translating EU documents would be too high, unless they only used three languages.
- 2 Some people say UN member countries aren't equally respected, unless _____.
- 3 English speakers won't be able to understand another culture, unless _____.

3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 If/Unless you practise a language, you won't improve quickly.
- 2 You'll get lost *if / unless* you have a map.
- 3 Don't go hiking *if / unless* someone is with you.
- 4 *If / Unless* you don't hurry up, we'll be late.

4 Choose a language you wouldn't learn. What would make you change your mind?

I wouldn't learn Portuguese unless I had tickets to see a World Cup match in Brazil ...