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UNIT 5 – HOME MOVIES

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5A Introduction

The rapper in this song has a really fun hobby: He and his friends make movies. All it really takes is a camera and a lot of imagination. He's got plenty of imagination, so all he needs is the camera.

5B Song Lyrics

My family got a camcorder from Santa,
So now my mom walks around like, "Smile for the camera!"
But we don't use it much, take it from me,
Maybe once a year; that's **annually**.
So I asked my mom, "Can I make a movie?
You know, me and my best friends, Steve and Doogie?"
She said, "You want to use it? I can see that you're hoping,
But the camera's **fragile**; it's easily broken.
And it's **precious**; it cost a lot,
You can use it, OK, but be sure it doesn't get dropped."
So like chop-chop, we three
Started making good movies like *E.T.*
Now that we were **permitted** and allowed
To use the camera, man, we went so wild.
Our first film was called *Knights and Rascals*,
We got cardboard swords and stormed a castle.
Doogie played the hero; he was so **heroic**,
He was so brave, and he always showed it.
I spent that whole movie, the **entire** thing,
Acting like an ogre in a giant wig.

*We called, "Action!"
First we asked my mama,
Then we made spoof comedy-action dramas,
Sci-fi adventures; we went bonkers,
Romantic thrillers with crazy monsters.
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Now my sister thought we should **reduce**
The number of new costumes we used.
You know, use fewer, but that wouldn't be cool,
We needed capes and chains and monster goo.
We started inviting over other people who
Could add to the movies, and **contribute**.
Like our mail carrier was awfully stylish
In *Attack of the Monkeys from Monkey Island*.
The number of films we made **indicates** and shows
Just how we were on a roll.
We made *Copper Chopper* parts 1, 2, 3,
And made puppets for *The Old Puppet Mystery*.
We wrote all the lines ourselves,
Well, my sister Dani, she would give us some help.
But the **content** of the movies, the stuff inside,
Was all just created by our own minds.
So we went all wild filming lots of stuff,
Yelling, "Action!"; there's no stopping us.
More action than Batman swimming with sharks,
Steve played a mutant who could see in the dark.
We even convinced Doogie to dress as the princess,
And he did pretty good in that pink dress.
So we make the movies and each week
We show them to our friends, and they usually freak.

We called, "Action!"
First we asked my mama,
Then we made spoof comedy-action dramas,
Sci-fi adventures; we went bonkers, Romantic
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5C Words Defined

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annual



Happening every year. *We have our **annual** family reunion each June.*

content



1. The meaning or subject of. Tizzy's got a great voice, but her songs don't really have any positive **content**. 2. (often **contents**) An amount that is held or **contained**. *Gary poured the **contents** of his bag all over the bed.*

contribute



To give effort, money, or items for a cause. *I **contributed** a lot to our school's yearbook this year, putting in lots of extra time after school.*

entire



Having nothing left out; whole; complete. *I know you were hungry but I can't believe you ate the **entire** pie!*

fragile



Easily broken or damaged. *I accidentally broke my mom's favorite vase; I didn't know it was so **fragile**!*

heroic



Brave or involving extreme effort. *The climbers made a **heroic** effort to reach the top of the mountain*

indicate



1. To point to. *The flight attendant **indicated** where the exits were.* 2. To be a sign of. *A rumbling stomach **indicates** that you're hungry.*

permit



To allow. *At the baseball game it was not **permitted** to bring in outside food.*

precious



Very valuable. *My mom keeps her most **precious** jewelry in a box on her dresser.*

reduce



To make or become smaller or less. *Keenan usually made his chocolate milk too strong, so he tried **reducing** the amount of chocolate powder.*



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5D Synonyms

Circle the word on the right that matches the meaning of the word or phrase on the left.

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| 1. brave | fragile | annual | heroic |
| 2. very valuable | precious | entire | fragile |
| 3. to give something to a cause | indicate | reduce | contribute |
| 4. to point to | reduce | indicate | permit |
| 5. to allow | indicate | permit | contribute |



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5E Fill in the Blank

Write the word in the blank so that the sentence makes sense.

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1. I couldn't wait to see the _____ of the box I got in the mail.

fragile

permits

contents

2. Be careful carrying that mirror! It's _____!

heroic

fragile

annual

3. One way to lose weight is to _____ the amount of fatty foods you eat.

reduce

permit

contribute

4. My family takes a(n) _____ vacation. This year we're going to the moon!

entire

annual

precious

5. Marcy was mad that her brother ate the _____ carton of ice cream.

entire

fragile

heroic



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5F Connections

Each sentence has a strong connection with one of the words from the unit. Write the correct word on the line below.

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1. The brave fireman ran into the burning building to save the baby.

2. Our whole family has a big party once a year.

3. Darren keeps his comic books in a safe because they are very valuable.

4. When I asked Karen where the monster was hiding, she pointed to the closet.

5. I didn't know that lamp could break so easily—all I did was throw a baseball at it!



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5G Applying Meanings

Circle the letter that makes sense or answers the question

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1. How much would you eat if you ate an **entire** pizza?

- (A) one slice
- (B) half the pizza pie
- (C) almost all of the pizza
- (D) the whole thing

2. If you are **permitted** to have a pet, that means you

- (A) want a pet
- (B) can have a pet
- (C) do not want a pet
- (D) can't have a pet

3. What's a good way to **reduce** your hunger?

- (A) Plug your nose.
- (B) Stop eating as much.
- (C) Talk about it.
- (D) Eat something.

4. How could you **contribute** to a newspaper?

- (A) Borrow it from your friend.
- (B) Throw it away.
- (C) Write an article for it.
- (D) Look at it online.

5. What are the **contents** of a box of cereal?

- (A) cereal
- (B) cardboard
- (C) a rectangle
- (D) milk



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5H Reading

Read the passage below and then answer the questions that follow.

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WEIRD FESTIVALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

A festival is a type of party to which everyone is invited. For thousands of years, people have thrown festivals. Many of these festivals are connected to religious holidays. For example, Mardi Gras (pronounced: Mar-dee Graw) is a famous **annual** festival in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mardi Gras happens the week before Lent, a Christian holiday.

During Lent, people give up certain things, like eating their favorite foods, for a few weeks. Mardi Gras is their last chance to do the things they enjoy before Lent. People are **permitted** to eat and drink whatever they want during the week of Mardi Gras. They have parades in the streets. The **entire** city **contributes** to the fun.

Many festivals are much stranger than Mardi Gras. In one city in Spain, there is a baby-jumping festival! During this festival, people set their newborn babies down on the ground, and men dressed as devils jump over them! It is believed that the devils take the evil out of the babies.

Some festivals don't have anything to do with religion. In Finland, they have a wifecarrying festival. Hundreds of years ago, men would sometimes steal the wives of men from other towns. People don't do that anymore, so today they celebrate this tradition in a much sillier way: Men have to carry their wives through an obstacle course. The fastest racer wins!

Some festivals center around food. In Gilroy, California, there is a Garlic Festival. People at the garlic festival eat garlic ice cream, drink garlic soft drinks, and suck on garlic lollipops! In New Zealand, they have a festival of strange foods. There, you can eat such tasty treats as cricket stew, slug spaghetti, and boiled sheep's eyes. If you plan to go to this festival, you'd better have a heroic stomach!



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1. What is a festival?

2. What do people do during Mardi Gras?

3. Why do people jump over babies in Spain?

4. What do men do during the wife-carrying festival?

5. What are some foods you could eat at the Garlic Festival?

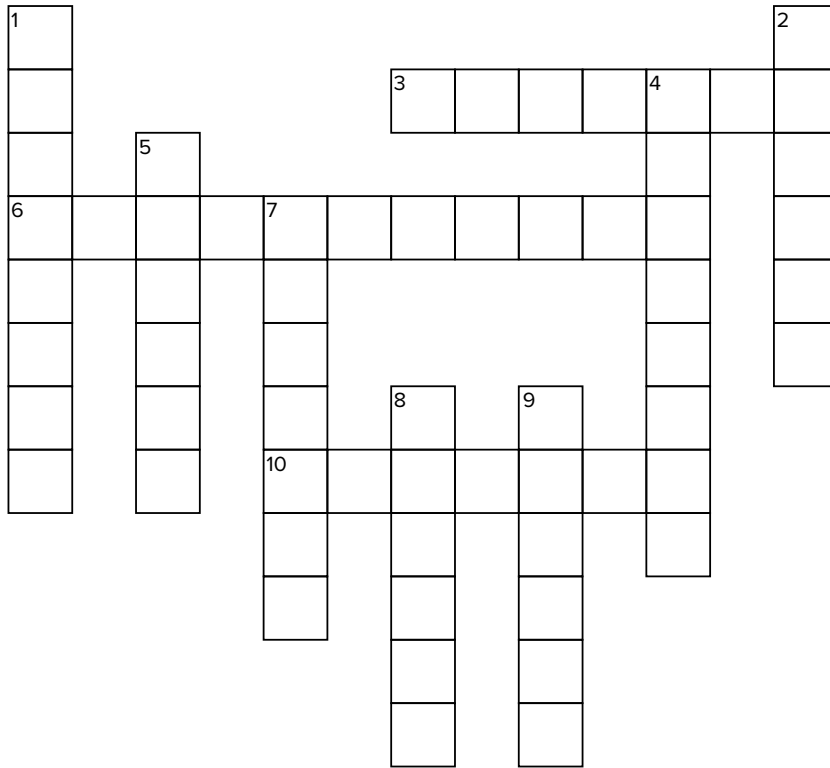


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Bonus: Crossword Puzzle

Solve this crossword puzzle. Note: Some answers may be different forms of the vocab words from this unit.

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ACROSS

- 3 Easily broken or damaged.
- 6 I _____ a can of peas to the canned food drive.
- 10 This website looks ugly, but the _____ is interesting.

DOWN

- 1 The _____ diamond was rumored to be as big as a fist.
- 2 To allow.
- 4 The game show contestant had to _____ which prize she wanted.
- 5 My dad has been working all year on his recipe for the _____ chili cook-off.
- 7 My parents _____ my allowance from \$5 to \$2 when I got a bad grade.
- 8 The whole thing.
- 9 The _____ pilot saved the passengers with his quick thinking.