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Sources: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Croods
                  http://www.thecroodsmovie.com/
                  http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/the-croods/

▦ TRAILER AND POSTER

POSTER

1. SIX WORDS: Look at the poster and write down six words (more if you like) that you think of as you look at it. Share the words with your partner(s). Why did you choose them?

> You can find posters for this movie at www.wikipedia.com or www.imbd.com - just type the name of the movie in the search field.

2. STORY: Talk about what you think the story of the movie is – the start, beginning, end, etc. Change partners and share stories.

3. CREDITS: Look at the credits on the poster (the actors, director, producer…) and talk about them with your partner(s).

4. MUST-SEE: Talk with your partner(s) about whether the poster and movie title are good and make you want to see the movie.

5. STARRING YOU: Imagine you are one of the stars of the movie. Talk about your role with your movie star partner(s).

TRAILER

1. RETELL: Watch the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

> The official trailer: http://youtu.be/zBdiFU6DgpE

2. CHUNKS: Watch 10-to-15 second chunks of the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

3. QUIZ: Watch the trailer and write down some quiz questions for your partner(s). Watch a second time to find the answers to the questions.

4. VOCABULARY: Make a note of words in the trailer that you see or hear. Talk about them with your partner(s).

5. GOOD / BAD: Watch the trailer and write down why you think the film might be good or bad. Share your ideas with your partner(s).

🎞 MATCHING

SYNONYM MATCH

1.	features	a.	point of view
2	set	b.	viewers
3.	era	c.	stars
4.	embark	d.	common view
5.	outlook	e.	horrified
6.	generally	f.	situated
7.	consensus	g.	boring
8.	audience	h.	period
9.	terrified	i.	overall
10.	lackluster	j.	start

PHRASE MATCH

1.	3D computer-	a.	favourable reviews
2	The film is set in a	b.	by the blandness
3.	they embark on a journey	c.	animated adventure
4.	a spectacular	d.	entertaining
5.	their outlook is	e.	prehistoric era
6.	received generally	f.	story
7.	solidly	g.	landscape
8.	They aim low enough so that tots	h.	changed forever
9.	bored	i.	of a lifetime
10.	a meandering	j.	won't be terrified

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CORRECT THE SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1.   computer-<u>aitnmade</u>

2.   set in a <u>oprithreics</u> era

3.   a period which contains fantastical <u>ruseatrce</u>

4.   embark on a <u>yjruone</u> of a lifetime

5.   a <u>cepclstruaa</u> landscape

6.   their <u>uloootk</u> is changed forever

Paragraph 2

7.   critical <u>ssoescnun</u>

8.   *The Croods* will prove <u>ylsdloi</u> entertaining

9.   misjudged their <u>eiaeundc</u>

10.   bored by the <u>enbdslnsa</u>

11.   <u>pdemearh</u> by lackluster humor

12.   a <u>nreeaidngm</u> story

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🎞 INSERT THE VOWELS (a,e,i,o,u)

Th_ Cr__ds _s _ 2013 _m_r_c_n 3D c_mp_t_r-_n_m_t_d _dv_nt_r_ c_m_dy f_lm pr_d_c_d by Dr__mW_rks _n_m_t__n. _t f__t_r_s th_ v__c_s _f N_c_l_s C_g_ _nd _mm_ St_n_. Th_ f_lm _s s_t _n _ pr_h_st_r_c _r_ kn_wn _s Th_ Cr__d_c___s, _ p_r__d wh_ch c_nt__ns f_nt_st_c_l cr__t_r_s. Th_ _ff_c__l Dr__mW_rks w_bs_t_ s_ys: "*Th_ Cr__ds*…f_ll_ws th_ w_rld's f_rst m_d_rn c_v_ f_m_ly _s th_y _mb_rk _n _ j__rn_y _f _ l_f_t_m_ wh_n th_ c_v_ th_t h_s _lw_ys b__n th__r h_m_ _s d_str_y_d. Tr_v_ll_ng _cr_ss _ sp_ct_c_l_r l_ndsc_p_, th_ Cr__ds _r_ r_ck_d by g_n_r_t__n_l cl_sh_s _nd s__sm_c sh_fts _s th_y d_sc_v_r _n _ncr_d_bl_ w_rld f_ll_d w_th f_nt_st_c cr__t_r_s - _nd th__r __tl__k _s ch_ng_d f_r_v_r."

Th_ Cr__ds h_s r_c__v_d g_n_r_lly f_v__r_bl_ r_v__ws fr_m cr_t_cs. R_tt_n T_m_t__s g_v_s th_ f_lm _ sc_r_ _f 68% b_s_d _n 123 r_v__ws. Th_ s_t_'s cr_t_c_l c_ns_ns_s r__ds: "Wh_l_ _t m_y n_t b_ _s…_v_lv_d _s th_ b_st m_d_rn _n_m_t_d f_r_, *Th_ Cr__ds* w_ll pr_v_ s_l_dly _nt_rt__n_ng f_r f_m_l__s s__k_ng _ f_st-p_c_d, f_nny c_rt__n _dv_nt_r_." P_t_r H_w_ll _f th_ 'T_r_nt_ St_r' g_v_ th_ f_lm _ l_w sc_r_, s_y_ng: "Th_ f_lmm_k_rs m_y h_v_ m_sj_dg_d th__r __d__nc_. Th_y __m l_w _n__gh s_ th_t t_ts w_n't b_ t_rr_f__d, b_t _d_lts, t__ns _nd _ld_r ch_ldr_n m_y w_ll b_ b_r_d by th_ bl_ndn_ss." Cl__d__ P__g _f '_S_ T_d_y' s__d th_ f_lm "_s h_mp_r_d by l_ckl_st_r h_m_r _nd _ m__nd_r_ng st_ry."

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🎞 DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT A's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

🎞 DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT B's QUESTIONS</u> (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

🎞 THE CROODS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about The Croods in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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Write your own movie review. Show your partner your letter. Correct each other's work.

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▦ HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about "The Croods ". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about "The Croods ". What are (did) critics and moviegoers saying (say) about it? How good were the actors' performances? What was good and bad about the movie? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. "THE CROODS " POSTER: Make a poster about "The Croods ". Make sure you put tag lines, audience and critics' reviews, why people should see it, etc. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY PREQUEL / SEQUEL: Make your own prequel or sequel for "The Croods ". Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.

6. CHARACTER STORY: Choose one of the characters from the movie. Imagine you are that character. Write your story about what you did in the movie. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.

7. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, Twitter stream, or any other social media tool to get opinions on "The Croods ". Share your findings with the class.

🎬 ANSWERS

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Please check for yourself by looking at the movie review on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)

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