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### A Big Hit in China 在中国掀起热潮

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

Transformers is a new Hollywood blockbuster which has not only taken America by storm, it has also been a number one film in China as well.

The film has earned over 100 million RMB and it has outdone all the other American films at the box office in China this year. It is expected to even double that figure in the future.

For those of you who might not know, transformers were famous toys back in the 1980s. They are robots that transform into things like vehicles or animals. To promote the sale of the toys back then, a television cartoon series was created, which was equally popular.

A film of the cartoon was released in 1986 called The Transformers: The Movie. That film was set 20 years in the future – in the year 2005!

This new film is a remake of the 1980s animated movie. It's an action thriller with lots of special effects.

It's the story of a boy Sam who buys a car, only to find out it is actually a transformer known as an Autobot. The Autobots aren't the only Transformers though. Autobots are battling against Decepticons, both of which are made up words in English for these characters.

The biggest fans of the new film are not the kids it is aimed at – it's actually the adults who were fans of the toys and cartoons back in the 1980s. Sales of the toys are set to increase as a result of the success of the film.

Michael Bay is the director of the film. He is known for his previous blockbusters Armageddon and Pearl Harbour. In view of the popularity of the film in China, Michael has launched a Chinese language website so he can communicate with his Chinese fans.

The film was released on 11<sup>th</sup> July in China but British Transformer fans have had to wait a little bit longer to see it. Transformers only came out in cinemas in the UK this week but it is predicted to excite the audiences just as much over here.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>blockbuster</b> – 热门电影	<b>taken America by storm</b> – 风靡美国
<b>earned</b> – 收入, 盈利	<b>outdone</b> – 超过了
<b>at the box office</b> – 在票房收入中	<b>transform</b> – 转变, 变形
<b>vehicles</b> – 车辆	<b>to promote</b> – 宣传
<b>cartoon</b> – 卡通	<b>equally</b> – 同样的
<b>set</b> – 设立在(20年后的将来)	<b>a remake</b> – 重拍
<b>animated</b> – 动画的	<b>action thriller</b> – 动作片
<b>special effects</b> – 电影特技	<b>made up</b> – 虚构
<b>set to</b> – 应该会(增加)	<b>director</b> – 导演
<b>launched</b> – 推出, 启动	<b>predicted</b> – 预言

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. The new Transformers film is really popular in America and China. True / False
2. The TV cartoon series wasn't as popular as the toys. True / False
3. The 1980s animated film was set in the year 2050. True / False
4. You will not find the words Autobot or Decepticon in an English dictionary. True / False
5. The Transformers film came out on the same day in the UK and in China. True / False

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|-----------|--------------|
| 1. change | a. utter     |
| 2. say    | b. observe   |
| 3. stop   | c. occur     |
| 4. watch  | d. consider  |
| 5. happen | e. transform |
| 6. think  | f. halt      |

Now complete the sentences below choosing the correct word from the right-hand column above.

请选用上面 (a - f)词表中挑选适当的形容词来完成以下语句。

1. I went to \_\_\_\_\_ the student baseball team to see how good they were.
2. They had to \_\_\_\_\_ the tennis match because it started to rain.
3. My grandad isn't very talkative. He sits and reads a lot and he will only \_\_\_\_\_ a few words when you see him.
4. Someone stole my mobile phone last week. I hope that doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ again soon!
5. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ whether I can afford to move to the city or not.
6. Robots \_\_\_\_\_ into cars in the new Transformers film.

### 3. Anagrams 组词填空

Can you transform these anagrams to make one of the words in the right-hand column?

试试重新排列组合次序混乱的词语(1-6), 看能不能组成右面的词(a-f)。

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| 1. arms r sent for   | a. animated        |
| 2. rot sob           | b. director        |
| 3. buckets rob l     | c. transformers    |
| 4. mean it da        | d. blockbuster     |
| 5. c lifts space fee | e. special effects |
| 6. order it c        | f. robots          |

Now complete the summary below using the words in the right-hand column above.

从把上面词表中挑选正确的词语填空造句。

\_\_\_\_\_ is a new Hollywood \_\_\_\_\_. It is a remake of the \_\_\_\_\_ movie from the 1980s. Transformers are \_\_\_\_\_ that can change themselves into something else like a car or an animal. The film is an action thriller that has lots of \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ is Michael Bay who is famous for his work on other Hollywood blockbusters like Armageddon and Pearl Harbour.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Transformers in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与变形金刚有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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# Answers 答案

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