

# Unit 5 *Mamma Mia!*

## Before watching

### Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you often watch films?
- 2 What is your favourite film?
- 3 Who is your favourite actor?

## Comprehension check

### 1 Watch the DVD. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What nationality is the film *Mamma Mia!*?  
a) British      b) American      c) Greek
- 2 Why do they film underwater scenes in a studio?  
a) it's easier      b) it's cheaper      c) it's safer
- 3 Where did they build a small Greek village?  
a) at Pinewood      b) next to the studio      c) in Greece

### 2 Watch again. Complete the sentences with the correct word.

- 1 The musical comedy *Mamma Mia!* is the most s..... British film ever.
- 2 They filmed some of the village s..... in England just outside London.
- 3 Making a film t..... a long time.
- 4 Filming a scene on a boat in the m..... of an ocean is very expensive
- 5 It's sixty metres long and nearly seventy metres w.....
- 6 The water in the tank is w..... and very clean.

### 3 Watch again. Look at the information about *Mamma Mia!* Match the numbers to the letters.

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|--|--------------------------------|
| 1 some of the actors                         | a) British                     |
| 2 a lot of the people who worked on the film | b) Pinewood Studios            |
| 3 director                                   | c) Judy Craymer                |
| 4 producer                                   | d) Catherine Johnson           |
| 5 writer                                     | e) Phyllida Lloyd              |
| 6 setting                                    | f) \$52 million                |
| 7 filmed                                     | g) a village on a Greek island |
| 8 cost                                       | h) American                    |

### 4 Watch again. Choose the correct options.

- 1 Catherine Johnson, the writer, is **American / British**.
- 2 The film is set in a **fishing / tourist** village on a Greek island.
- 3 **200 / 220** people were involved in the filming of *Mamma Mia!*.
- 4 The **director / producer** can film a boat in a pool.
- 5 There's a **blue / green** screen behind the pool.
- 6 There are **over / nearly** a million litres of water in the underwater stage.
- 7 There are more than **fourteen / forty** stages at Pinewood.

### 5 Watch again. Underline the mistakes in the summary.

*Mamma Mia!* is a musical thriller. It's the most successful American film ever made. They filmed it at the Pinewood Studios in London. At Pinewood Studios they only make action films. There's a huge pool where the actor can film water scenes. There's also an underwater stage which is sixteen metres deep. The '007' stage is enormous but they only film James Bond films there. They also filmed *Mamma Mia!* in Greece. There team was there for nine weeks.

## Language check

### Past simple negative

- The *Mamma Mia!* team didn't make the entire film at Pinewood.

### Past simple interrogative

- Did they enjoy their time in Greece? Yes, they did!

## 6 Make the sentences negative.

- Sean Connery appeared in *Mamma Mia!*.  
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- Some people liked *Mamma Mia!*.  
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- Harrison Ford starred in *Lord of the Rings*.  
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- Steven Spielberg directed *Avatar*.  
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- David Bisbal won an Oscar in 2004.  
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- Almodóvar made *Indiana Jones*.  
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- I saw Brad Pitt outside the cinema.  
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- Javier Bardem married Penélope Cruz in Spain.  
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## 7 Use the words to write past simple questions. Then write short answers with Yes or No.

- you / go / to the cinema yesterday? (No)  
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- they / buy / cheap tickets? (Yes)  
.....
- Paul Newman / live in Europe? (No)  
.....
- Berlanger / make / *Goldfinger*? (No)  
.....
- Antonio Banderas / act / with Almodóvar? (Yes)  
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- Schwarzenegger / act / in *Star Wars*? (No)  
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## Extension

Look at the photos and answer the questions.



**Photo A**

- What is the man in the picture doing?
- How do you think he is feeling?
- Would you like to do this activity?
- Which water sports would you like to try?

**Photo B**

- What are the people in the picture doing?
- How do you think they are feeling?
- Would you like to do this activity?
- What sort of television programmes do you enjoy watching?

# Unit 5 DVD Teaching notes

## Grammar focus

Past simple negative and interrogative

## Summary of DVD

The DVD is about the film *Mamma Mia!* and Pinewood Studios, where the film was made. It looks at some of the stages used at Pinewood.

## Preparation

Ask students: *Can you name any British films? Have you watched them?*

Possible answers: *Notting Hill, Four Weddings and a Funeral, Mr Bean, Harry Potter.*

Tell students that they are going to see a report about the filming of *Mamma Mia!*.

Check these words: *setting* (of a film), *outside* (preposition), *around* (in the sense of *approximately*), *take a long time*, *wide*, *screen*, *stormy*, *audience* (in a cinema), *safe*, *stage* (in a theatre), *deep*, *over* (in the sense of *more than*), *tank* (of water).

## Background

Pinewood Studios is a British film studio near London. It was built in the 1930s. Many famous films have been produced there including the James Bond films, *Oliver Twist*, *Batman* and the *Da Vinci Code*. It has 41 stages and ten television stages. One stage is called the '007' stage which was built for the film *The Spy Who Loved Me*. This stage was burnt down in 1984. Then there was another fire in 2006. A new stage was built within six months. There's also an underwater stage and a huge water tank.

## Before watching

Read the questions with the class and elicit answers from individual students. Encourage students to give a personal response and use their suggestions to start a class discussion.

## Comprehension check

### 1 Watch the DVD. Choose the correct answers.

**Pre-watching:** Students focus on the questions:

- 1 What nationality is the film *Mamma Mia!*?
  - 2 Why do they make films in studios?
  - 3 Where did they build a small Greek village?
- Play the whole DVD. Students choose the correct answers. Play the Comprehension check for students to check answers.

**Answers:** 1 a) 2 c) 3 a)

### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct word.

**Pre-watching:** Ask students to complete the sentences from memory before watching the DVD again.

● Play the DVD to check answers.

**Answers:** 1 successful 2 scenes 3 takes 4 middle 5 wide 6 warm

### 3 Watch again. Look at the information about *Mamma Mia!* Match the numbers to the letters.

**Pre-watching:** Ask students to match the information before watching the DVD again.

● Play the DVD to check answers.

**Answers:** 1 h) 2 a) 3 e) 4 c) 5 d) 6 g) 7 b) 8 f)

### 4 Watch again. Choose the correct options.

**Pre-watching:** Ask students to choose the correct answers from memory before watching the DVD again.

● Play the DVD to check answers.

**Answers:** 1 British 2 fishing 3 200 4 director 5 blue 6 over 7 forty

### 5 Watch again. Underline the mistakes in the summary.

**Pre-watching:** Ask students to identify the mistakes from memory before watching the DVD again.

● Play the DVD to check answers.

**Answers:** *Mamma Mia!* is a musical thriller. It's the most successful American film ever made. They filmed it at the Pinewood Studios in London. At Pinewood Studios they only make action films. There's a huge pool where the actor can film water scenes. There's also an underwater stage which is sixteen metres deep. The '007' stage is enormous but they only film James Bond films there. They also filmed *Mamma Mia!* in Greece. The team was there for nine weeks.

## Optional activity

In this activity students guess the title of some films based on the information you give them. Describe the plot of some films to the class. Do not give them the name of the film! Give the details of the plot slowly to see how quickly the class can guess the film. Below are some suggestions.

- 1 This is a love story which happens on a boat. There is a terrible disaster. The girl continues to live but the boy dies. The stars are Kate Winslet and Leonardo di Caprio. (*Titanic*)
- 2 This is a very long film. It is based on a famous book. There are a lot of battles. Everybody is looking for a small metallic object. The heroes are Frodo and Sam. This is the third film in the series. (*The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*)
- 3 James Cameron wrote and directed this film. It is a science fiction film. The action happens in 2154 on a moon. Its name is Pandora. People called the Na'vi live on the moon. There is a precious mineral called unobtainium on the moon. One of the actors is Sigourney Weaver. (*Avatar*)

## Language check

### Past simple negative

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### Past simple interrogative

- Did they enjoy their time in Greece? Yes, they did!

**Before you start:** Revise the grammar points by asking the following question: *Did you watch a film yesterday?* Remind students that we can answer questions using short answers (*Yes, I did. No, I didn't.*). Point out that to form the past simple negative we use *didn't* and the base form of the verb. To form the interrogative we put *did* before the subject of the sentence.

## 6 Make the sentences negative.

Students do consolidation exercise 6.

- Answers:** 1 Sean Connery didn't appear in *Mamma Mia!* 2 Some people didn't like *Mamma Mia!* 3 Harrison Ford didn't star in *Lord of the Rings*. 4 Steven Spielberg didn't direct *Avatar*. 5 David Bisbal didn't win an Oscar in 2004. 6 Almodóvar didn't make *Indiana Jones*. 7 I didn't see Brad Pitt outside the cinema. 8 Javier Bardem didn't marry Penélope Cruz in Spain.

## 7 Write the questions in the past simple. Then write short answers with Yes or No.

Students do consolidation exercise 7.

- Answers:** 1 Did you go to the cinema yesterday? No, I didn't. 2 Did they buy cheap tickets? Yes, they did. 3 Did Paul Newman live in Europe? No, he didn't. 4 Did Berlanga make *Goldfinger*? No, he didn't. 5 Did Antonio Banderas act with Almodóvar? Yes, he did. 6 Did Schwarzenegger act in *Star Wars*? No, he didn't.

## Extension

Ask students to ask and answer the questions in pairs. Monitor and help.