



## **TOM CRUISE**

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### **D ANTICIPATING**

**Put these movies into the chronological order:**

**Mission: Impossible – Interview with the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles – Rain Man – Mission: Impossible II – Magnolia – Born on the Fourth of July – Top Gun – The Color of Money – Minority Report – The Firm – Days of Thunder – Eyes Wide Shut – Vanilla Sky – Cocktail – Jerry Maguire**

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### **ID READING COMPREHENSION**

**>> TEXT:**

#### **TOM CRUISE**

Tom Cruise was on the cover of five major American magazines when his latest movie was released earlier this summer. It is called “Minority Report.” It is a science-fiction, mystery and action movie. It takes place in the year 2054. This is a time when special beings can see crimes like murder before they happen. Cruise plays a policeman who heads a group called Precrime. These police arrest would-be murderers before they can carry out their crime. Cruise is accused of a future murder and must hide from the other police and solve the mystery of the crime.

“Minority Report” has become Tom Cruise’s tenth movie out of twenty-four to make 100 million dollars or more. Like other top actors Harrison Ford and Tom Hanks, Cruise is considered a very safe investment in Hollywood.

But, he is an investment. Tom Cruise demands about 20 million dollars to star in a film. He also often gets a percentage of the movie’s profits. Two years ago, Cruise made about 75 million dollars from his movie “Mission: Impossible Two.”

Tom Cruise has received praise along with big earnings. The National Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences nominated him two times for Best Actor and once for Best Supporting Actor. He has won two Golden Globe awards. People Magazine has included Cruise on its yearly list of the most beautiful people three times. The magazine also named him the sexiest man alive. And, last year, Forbes magazine named Tom Cruise number one on its list of the most powerful people in entertainment.

**>> QUESTIONS:**

**1. What is "Minority Report?"**

- a) A book
- b) A movie
- c) A play

**2. The story of "Minority Report" takes place...**

- a) In the past
- b) In the present
- c) In the future

**3. What is "Precrime"?**

- a) A group of gangsters
- b) A group of murderers
- c) A group of policemen

**4. In Minority Report, Tom Cruise has the role of a policeman who is accused of having killed someone.**

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

**5. "Minority Report" was not a success.**

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

**6. What is Tom Cruise's approximate salary to star in a film?**

- a) About \$20,000
- b) About \$200,000
- c) About \$20,000,000

**7. Tom Cruise has never won any awards.**

- a) TRUE
- b) FALSE

**8. What are Golden Globe awards?**

- a) Awards given to the best actors
- b) Awards given to the best singers
- c) Awards given to the best cartoonists

**9. Why did Tom Cruise appear three times in "People Magazine"?**

- a) Because he is a very good actor
- b) Because he is one of the sexiest men on Earth
- c) Because he is the richest man on Earth

**10. Why was Tom Cruise in Forbes magazine last year?**

- a) Because the journalists thought he was sexy
- b) Because the journalists thought he was very powerful in the world of entertainment
- c) Because he got married with a model

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### III) ORAL COMPREHENSION

Here is the script of the tape. Fill in the gaps with the missing words:

acting, Catholic, Church, clergyman, Mission, movies, New York, old

Tom Cruise is forty years \_\_\_\_\_. He was born in Syracuse, \_\_\_\_\_, but moved around a lot growing up. Cruise was a member of the Roman \_\_\_\_\_ Church for most of his life. He had planned on becoming a \_\_\_\_\_. But, at age eighteen, he moved from New Jersey to New York to try \_\_\_\_\_ instead. Cruise now belongs to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scientology.

Tom Cruise's next two \_\_\_\_\_ are "The Last Samurai" and "\_\_\_\_\_ : Impossible Three."

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### IV) GRAMMAR: the modals CAN & MUST

This is a time when special beings **can** see crimes like murder before they happen. Cruise plays a policeman who heads a group called Precrime. These police arrest would-be murderers before they **can** carry out their crime. Cruise is accused of a future murder and **must** hide from the other police and solve the mystery of the crime.

#### > SYNTAX

After the modals...

1) there is the base form (that is to say the infinitive without TO)

I/you/he/she/it/we/you/they **can** drive

2) Negation: use CAN'T

I **CAN'T** DRIVE

3) Questions: put CAN at the beginning of the sentence

**CAN** she come?

#### > CAN

Use 'can' to express an ability or possibility

Special beings **can** see crimes before they happen.

#### > MUST

Use 'must' to express something that you or a person feels is necessary.

Cruise **must** hide from the other police and solve the mystery of the crime.

The negative form of 'must' expresses the idea that something is prohibited

Murderers *mustn't* kill.

> Exercise: Write the school rules of a high school. Build sentences containing MUST/MUSTN'T or CAN/CAN'T. You can use these phrases (for example):

*to arrive on time*

*to phone in the classroom*

*to do one's exercises*

*to have penpals*

*to read out a text in English*

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## V) VOCABULARY

Find the correct definitions.

A) a magazine	1) To prevent from being seen or discovered
B) a murder	2) A periodic paperback publication
C) a policeman	3) To change residence, affiliation, or place of employment
D) to carry out	4) Unlawful premeditated killing of a human being
E) to hide	5) To request urgently and forcefully
F) to demand	6) A member of a police force
G) a praise	7) Having great power or force or potency or effect
H) powerful	8) To Take into custody, as of suspected criminals, by the police
I) to arrest	9) To bring to execution
J) to move	10) An expression of approval and commendation

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## **VI) ANSWERS**

> **Anticipation:** Minority Report (2002) .... Detective John Anderton | Vanilla Sky (2001) .... David Aames | Mission: Impossible II (2000) .... Ethan Hunt | Magnolia (1999) .... Frank T.J. Mackey | Eyes Wide Shut (1999) .... Dr. William 'Bill' Harford | Jerry Maguire (1996) .... Jerry Maguire | Mission: Impossible (1996) .... Ethan Hunt | Interview with the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles (1994) .... Lestat de Lioncourt | Firm, The (1993) .... Mitch McDeere | Days of Thunder (1990) .... Cole Trickle | Born on the Fourth of July (1989) .... Ron Kovic | Rain Man (1988) .... Charlie Babbitt | Cocktail (1988) .... Brian Flanagan | Color of Money, The (1986) .... Vincent | Top Gun (1986) .... Lieutenant Pete 'Maverick' Mitchell

> **Reading Comprehension:** 1. (b) 2. (c) 3. (c) 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (c) 7. (b) 8. (a) 9. (b) 10. (b)

> **Oral Comprehension:** Tom Cruise is forty years old. He was born in Syracuse, New York, but moved around a lot growing up. Cruise was a member of the Roman Catholic Church for most of his life. He had planned on becoming a clergyman. But, at age eighteen, he moved from New Jersey to New York to try acting instead. Cruise now belongs to the Church of Scientology. Tom Cruise's next two movies are "The Last Samurai" and "Mission: Impossible Three."

> **Grammar:** *Students must arrive on time. They mustn't phone in the classroom. They must do their exercises. They can have penpals. They can read out a text in English.*

> **Vocabulary:** A2 – B4 – C6 – D9 – E1 – F5 – G10 – H7 – I8 – J3