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AVATAR



Introduction – Read the paragraph:

The film takes place on a planet called **Polyphemus**.

People are sent there to do mining for a very valuable mineral called unobtanium.

There are people who live on the planet and they are called **Na'vi**, they have blue skin and are stronger and taller than humans, the Na'vi live in harmony with Nature, worshiping a mother goddess called Eywa.

Humans cannot survive exposure to Pandora's atmosphere for very long and use oxygen masks. In an attempt to improve relations with the natives, scientists create human-Na'vi called Avatar controlled humans who go to sleep in a special bed to do that.

Some of the humans want to hurt the Na'vi to get the most unobtanium and some want to help them and teach them.

In the story the bad men who just want to get rich fight with those who want to help the N'avi people.

Let's watch the trailer - Avatar Trailer The Movie (New Extended HD Trailer)

Discussion

- What do you see on the trailer?
- Have you seen this film?
- What have you heard about it?
- The Avatar are remote control bodies. Have you got any remote control toys?
- Can you think of any other films which use this kind of concept?

Grammar – The Imperative Form. To give orders and instructions in English we use the Imperative. We form it by using the base form of the verb (the bare infinitive).

We can use the imperative to give a direct order.

1. Take that chewing gum out of your mouth.
2. Stand up straight.
3. Give me the details.

We can use the imperative to give instructions.

1. Open your book.
2. Take two tablets every evening.
3. Take a left and then a right.

We can use the imperative to make an invitation.

1. Come in and sit down. Make yourself at home.
2. Please start without me. I'll be there shortly.
3. Have a piece of this cake. It's delicious.

We can use the imperative on signs and notices.

1. Push.
2. Do not use.
3. Insert one dollar.

We can use the imperative to give friendly informal advice.

1. Speak to him. Tell him how you feel.
2. Have a quiet word with her about it.
3. Don't go. Stay at home and rest up. Get some sleep and recover.

We can make the imperative 'more polite' by adding 'do'.

- Do be quiet.
- Do come.
- Do sit down

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Activity One – **Simon Says** - Follow the teacher's instructions to practice some movements.

Lift your arm
Stand on one leg
Walk
Run on the spot
Touch your head
Clap your hands
Stand up
Sit down
Turn around
Pat your head and tickle your tummy

Activity Two: Game – Remote control Bodies – with your partner pretend that you are controlling their movements: They have tocarry out your instructions and do what you do.

Activity Three – With your partner – imagine what an extra terrestrial would look like, sketch one. Now get another pair to sketch your scene by giving them instructions. Then compare your two drawings….

Activity Four - Nature on other Planets – The Na'vi respect nature: Let's remember the English words for things we see in nature.

Flashcard game – Tree, flower, river, mountain, animals, waterfall, plants. Now let's play team pictionnary.

Activity Five – Nature on another planet.

- The nature scenes in the film are very beautiful.
- What do you think it would look like on another planet?

This time give your partner instructions and he/she will sketch your idea of nature on another planet.

Activity Six - Nature on our Planet.
In the film Avatar the people think that they can communicate with the trees and animals and plants. They are really careful with their environment. What can we do to respect nature and our environment more and why is it important?

Write a list of instructions and rules to help people to respect the environment.

Activity Seven - Polyphemus

- This is not a real planet.
- Which planets exist?
- Do we think there is life on these planets or there was once?

Let's look at the names for the different parts of the solar system in English.

The Sun **The Moon** **Mercury** **Venus** **Earth** **Mars** **Jupiter** **Saturn** **Uranus** **Neptune** **Pluto**

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