

Tom Cruise shines again in Maverick

Top Gun: Maverick marks another Tom Cruise record and became the highest-grossing debut in his 40-year career

Tom Cruise may have pulled off one of the most daring stunts of his career - getting audiences to go to the movies for something that doesn't involve superheroes.

"Top Gun: Maverick" pulled in blockbuster ticket sales in its opening weekend, collecting \$134 million from a record 4,732 North American cinemas. Paramount and Skydance's all-American action adventure is expected to collect \$151 million through Monday, defying expectations while also setting a new high-water mark for Memorial Day opening weekends. That's thanks to dazzling reviews, heaping doses of nostalgia and getting Cruise back in the cockpit to perform real aerial stunts as pilot Pete "Maverick" Mitchell.

"Top Gun: Maverick" is the highest-grossing debut in Cruise's 40-year career, and his first to surpass \$100 million on opening weekend. "War of the Worlds," which opened to \$64 million in 2005, previously stood as Cruise's biggest opening weekend. Audiences over 40 years old, the people who were top of mind when Paramount

greenlit a sequel to 1986's "Top Gun," turned out in force, which is impressive because that demographic has been the most reluctant to return to theatres. The film's positive word of mouth should be helpful in reaching younger audiences, who were not alive when "Top Gun" opened 36 years ago. David A. Gross, who runs the movie consulting firm Franchise Entertainment Research, called the film's three-day figure "outstanding."

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"The source material remains strong and the execution is excellent," he says. "Top Gun: Maverick" continues a stellar box office streak for Paramount, marking the studio's fifth movie this year to open in first place. Despite countless delays (the "Top Gun" sequel was scheduled to open in the summer of 2020 until COVID-19 scrambled those plans), Cruise was adamant that "Maverick" not follow in the footsteps of those films. The two-year wait has already started

to pay off since the film has been rapturously reviewed. It has a 97% on Rotten Tomatoes and an "A+" CinemaScore.

Joseph Kosinski directed the PG-13 "Top Gun: Maverick," which picks up decades after the original and sees Maverick train a new group of cocky aviators for a crucial assignment. The cast includes Miles Teller, Glen Powell, Jon Hamm, Jennifer Connelly and Val Kilmer, who played Iceman in the first "Top Gun."

"Top Gun: Maverick" also needs theatres to justify its hefty \$170 million production budget, which does not include the tens of millions spent on promoting the movie to audiences worldwide. Those efforts included a splashy premiere at the Cannes Film Festival, which culminated with eight fighter jets flying over the Croisette.

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Slovička

- pull off [pʊl ɒf] dokázat, předvést
daring stunt [ˈdeərɪŋ stʌnt] odvážný kousek
pull in [pʊl ɪn] přitahovat, přilákat (hov.)
blockbuster [ˈblɒk bʌstə] trhák (hov.)
defy [dɪˈfaɪ] vymýkat se
high-water mark [haɪ ˈwɔːtə mɑːk] zde: laťka, hranice (přeneseně)
dazzling [ˈdæzəlɪŋ] oslnivý
heap [hiːp] kupit, hromadit se
aerial stunts [ˈeəriəl stʌnts] letecké kaskadérské kousky
highest-grossing [ˈhɪdʒɪst ɡrɔːsɪŋ] nejvýdělečnější
surpass [səˈpɑːs] překonat
greenlit [ɡriːnlɪt] dát zelenou, povolit (hov.)
reluctant [rɪˈlʌktənt] zdráhající se
outstanding [ˌaʊtˈstændɪŋ] vynikající
execution [ˌeksɪˈkjʊːʃən] provedení
stellar [ˈstɛlə] prvotřídní, hvězdný
adamant [ˈædəmənt] neústupný
footstep [ˈfʊt stɛp] krok, stopa
pay off [ˈpeɪ ɒf] splatit, vyplatit se
rapturously [ˈræptʃərəslɪ] nadšeně
pick up [pɪk ʌp] zachytit, zaznamenat
decade [ˈdekeɪd | dɪˈkeɪd] desetiletí
cocky [ˈkɒki] namyšlený
cast [kɑːst] obsazení, herci
hefty [ˈheftɪ] pořádný (hov.)
splashy [ˈsplæʃɪ] bombastický, nepřehlédnutelný
fighter jet [ˈfaɪtə dʒet] stíhačka

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Dnes jsme se v článku setkali s řadou frázových sloves, např. pull off ve větě: "Tom Cruise may have pulled off one of the most daring stunts ..." Frázová slovesa se skládají ze slovesa (pull) a částice (off) a mohou být dělitelná nebo nedělitelná. V našem případě jde o dělitelné frázové sloveso. Můžeme tedy pohybovat s jeho předmětem a umístit ho až za frázové sloveso nebo mezi jeho dvě části. Nahradíme-li předmět zájmenem (např. it), to může stát pouze mezi oběma částmi, např. "He pulled it off". Frázová slovesa nedělitelná se chovají podobně, jako by částice byla předložkou, která nemůže měnit svou pozici ve větě, a s předmětem tak pohybovat nelze. Např. run into somebody - narazit na někoho. Rozhodněte, zda je frázové sloveso použito správně z hlediska jeho dělitelnosti: 1. The film pulled a lot of people in. 2. I've run my teacher into this morning. 3. Can you pay it off?

Řešení: 1. správně; 2. nesprávně (I've run into my teacher this morning.); 3. správně