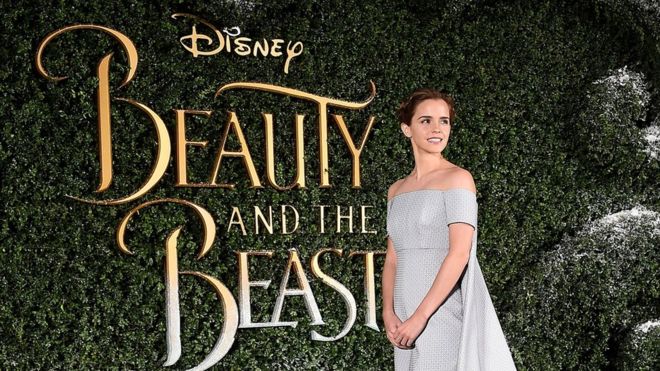
**Beauty and the Beast pips Star Wars to be the UK's top film of 2017**

**Star Wars' Jedi warriors normally emerge victorious in their battles - be they against the evil First Order or box office rivals.**

But the Force was not with Star Wars: The Last Jedi in the battle to be the UK's most popular film of 2017. The foe to defeat the all-action space sequel in the year-end box office rankings was Emma Watson, with her hit Beauty and the Beast. Beauty and the Beast earned £4.1m more than The Last Jedi in 2017.

Episode VIII of the long-running sci-fi franchise had taken £68.3m by the end of 31 December, according to the Press Association. But while Beauty and the Beast was released in March and has now disappeared from cinemas, The Last Jedi is still playing on hundreds of screens, so its total will continue to grow in the coming weeks. Beauty and the Beast was also the most popular film around the world, taking $1.26bn (£929m) at global box offices.



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Reading Questions

1. What is the dictionary definition of victorious?

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1. Who was the Force not with?

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1. How much more did Beauty and the Beast earn than The Last Jedi in 2017?

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1. How much had Episode VIII of Star Wars taken by the end of the 31st December?

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1. Is it true or false that Beauty and the Beast was the most popular film around the world?

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1. Which three social media sites can you follow the BBC on?

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1. Where would you email if you have a story suggestion?

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**Stretch and challenge question**

1. Why might this source be biased towards Beauty and the Beast

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Grammar Questions

1. Write a sentence in the past tense about visiting the cinema.
2. Write a sentence about being in the sentence in the present tense.
3. Write a sentence about visiting the cinema in the future tense.
4. Insert the missing full stops and capital letters into the paragraph below.

i am going to the cinema tonight to watch star wars: the last jedi do you want to come we can have something to eat afterwards if you want to it will be really nice to see you

1. Write three sentences which include question marks, about visiting the cinema.

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