

Cinema ninjas 电影院里的黑衣忍者

Vocabulary: Behaviour, noise and cinemas 同行为, 声音和影院相关的词语

When was the last time you went to the cinema? Were you **interrupted** by someone **munching** loudly on their popcorn, or **rudely** texting on their mobile phone?

These **distractions** may be common for many, but one cinema is now fighting back. It is attempting to combat the **menace** of **nuisance** film-goers with... cinema **ninjas**!



Screens at the Prince Charles Cinema in central London are now patrolled by a man or woman dressed head-to-toe in dark **spandex**. If a movie-goer **disturbs** the peace, the 'ninja' silently approaches and instructs them to **desist** in their **troublesome** behaviour. The move is hoped to reduce the need for customers to **shush** other audience members and keep all square-eyed film fans happy.

Although the idea of a strangely-clad person creeping around in a dark room might sound scary, the tactic is not intended to shock. The idea of the cinema ninja is to simply prevent bad behaviour.

Watching films at the cinema has changed dramatically since its **heyday** in the 1930's, when picture palaces were popular and **rowdy** places. Back then, teams of **ushers** were essential to maintaining order: both in showing people to their seats and calming **boisterous** audiences.

Nowadays, as ticket prices have risen, so too have the conditions for enjoying the cinema-going experience. **Decorum** and **silence** are fully expected. But offenders who **whisper** to friends or **rustle** a bag of crisps can still ruin the viewing experience.

So the next time you breach cinema **etiquette** by sending a text message or gossiping with a friend – beware! The tap on your shoulder could be a cinema ninja.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. What is the word which describes viewers who cause irritation and are a menace?
2. What is the name for the clothing material that is worn all over and tight against the body?
3. What verb means to quieten others?
4. What is the job title for people who show customers to their seats and maintain order in a cinema?
5. What two words describe good manners and politeness?

Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. John's speech was _____ when Malcolm burst into the meeting room without notice.

written	encouraged	interrupted	stolen
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2. When the doctor advised him to _____ from drinking, Stuart promised to follow his advice.

continue	desist	accept	die
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3. The latest helicopter attack is an attempt by the government to regain full control of the _____ region.

well-behaved	wine	school	troublesome
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4. The restaurant has gained a great reputation, but on a Friday night it can become quite loud and _____.

quiet	peaceful	boisterous	polite
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5. The courtroom fell silent as they awaited the verdict. The only noise was the _____ of paper as the judge quickly examined his notes.

smell	rustle	touch	buzz
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Answers and Glossary 答案与词汇

Quiz 小测验

1. What is the word which describes viewers who cause irritation and are a menace? a nuisance
2. What is the name for the clothing material that is worn all over and tight against the body?
spandex
3. What verb means to quieten others? shush
4. What is the job title for people who show customers to their seats and maintain order in a cinema? usher
5. What two words describe good manners and politeness? decorum, etiquette

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Glossary 词汇表

interrupted	干扰
munching	大声咀嚼
rudely	粗鲁地
distractions	分心, 干扰
menace	威胁, 恐吓
nuisance	讨厌的人或东西
ninjas	忍者
spandex	弹力纤维
disturbs	干扰, 妨碍
desist	停止
troublesome	惹是生非的
shush	嘘声 (示意安静下来)
heyday	全盛时期
rowdy	吵闹的
ushers	影院引座员
boisterous	喧闹的
decorum	礼仪, 恪守礼仪
silence	安静
whisper	耳语
rustle	发出沙沙声
etiquette	礼仪