Robert Pattinson to play James Bond

LEVEL A2/B1



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I. WARM-UP

1. What films do you think of when you hear 'James Bond'?
2. Which actor do you like in action films? Why?
3. How do you usually hear big film news?

II. KEY VOCABULARY

announce
to tell people important news in a formal way

successor
the person who comes next in a job or role

social media
websites and apps where people share news and messages

wipe
to remove or delete something completely

tuxedo
a smart black suit for formal events

rumour
information people repeat that may not be true

studio
a company that makes films

era
a period of time that is special in some way

III. READING

Robert Pattinson has been announced as the successor to Daniel Craig, becoming the seventh actor to play James Bond in an official film. The news appeared on the official James Bond social media accounts. Just before 3pm GMT, earlier posts were wiped and a short line kept repeating: "Identity confirmed."

After that, the studio shared a first photo of Pattinson in Bond's famous tuxedo and said his casting would begin a new era for the character. Pattinson, 40, called Bond "the honour of a lifetime". Reports said there were rumours he was the favourite after a long casting process.

Craig's last Bond film, No Time to Die, came out in 2021. Pattinson is due to appear in the next Bond film, the 26th in the series, which does not have a title yet.

Reading text adapted from reporting by **The Guardian***: "New James Bond announced ... and the name's...". Original article linked at theenglishwire.com.*

IV. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has been chosen to play the new James Bond?
2. Where did the announcement first appear?
3. What message kept repeating on the accounts?
4. What did the first photo show Pattinson wearing?
5. Which number Bond film is Pattinson due to appear in next?

V. DISCUSSION

1. Do you think Pattinson is a good choice? Why or why not?
2. How important is a first photo or teaser for fans?
3. Which Bond film have you enjoyed, and what did you like?
4. What makes a great action hero for you?

VI. GRAMMAR FOCUS

Present continuous

Use am/is/are + verb-ing for actions happening now or temporary activities. Time words like now, right now, at the moment, and this week show the present continuous.

*"Fans **are talking** about the new Bond online."*
*"People **are sharing** Pattinson's photo now."*

VII. GRAMMAR EXERCISE

Complete the sentences with the present continuous form.

1. Right now, fans (read) ___ the news about Bond. _____
2. People online (post) ___ reactions at the moment. _____
3. Reporters (write) ___ updates about the casting now. _____
4. This week, movie blogs (discuss) ___ Pattinson's casting. _____
5. In chats, friends (plan) ___ a Bond watch party now. _____

Teacher's Notes

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I. LESSON GUIDE

- Timing: 8–10 minutes warm-up, 8–10 minutes vocabulary, 10–12 minutes reading, 8–10 minutes comprehension, 10 minutes discussion; grammar can share time with reading/comprehension.
- Pre-teach names and terms students may not know: James Bond, Daniel Craig, Pattinson, studio, tuxedo, rumour. Check students can say seventh and twenty-sixth.
- Run the reading in two passes: skim for who/what, then scan for numbers and the repeating message. In discussion, keep focus on films and casting choices rather than personal stories.
- Differentiation: stronger students write two extra facts from the text in their own words; others match vocabulary to sentences you read aloud.

II. DISCUSSION FACILITATION TIPS

1. Start with a quick show of hands, then pair students with different views to compare reasons.
2. Elicit quick adjectives students see in the photo (smart, serious), then ask how teasers affect hype.
3. If few have seen Bond, let them name any action film and explain one thing they liked.
4. Board a list (brave, clever, funny, stylish). Ask for examples from films to support each point.

III. EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Writing: Write a 70-word fan post reacting to the “Identity confirmed” announcement and photo.

Role-play: In groups, run a short press conference: a studio rep answers reporters’ questions about the casting.

IV. ANSWER KEY OVERVIEW

Comprehension questions: short factual answers from the text.

Grammar exercise: Present continuous

Discussion: open-ended. Accept any reasonable ideas supported by examples and reasoning.

Answer Key

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IV. COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has been chosen to play the new James Bond?
   Robert Pattinson.
2. Where did the announcement first appear?
   On the official James Bond social media accounts.
3. What message kept repeating on the accounts?
   "Identity confirmed."
4. What did the first photo show Pattinson wearing?
   A tuxedo.
5. Which number Bond film is Pattinson due to appear in next?
   The 26th film in the series.

V. DISCUSSION

Open answers. Accept any reasonable ideas supported by examples and reasoning.

VII. GRAMMAR EXERCISE

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VI. GRAMMAR FOCUS

Key point: Use am/is/are + verb-ing for actions happening now or temporary activities. Time words like now, right now, at the moment, and this week show the present continuous. (Examples constructed.)

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