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### Unit 3, Chapter 1

Please read the text carefully and work on the difficult words and phrases.

## THE RISE OF J. J. ABRAMS

J. J. Abrams was born in New York City in 1966. Growing up, Abrams loved mysteries and magic tricks—anything that was unexpected. His favorite movies and television programs were science fiction ones like *The Twilight Zone*.

- 5 When he was 11 or 12, Abrams' grandfather gave him a movie camera called a Super 8. He used the camera to make short movies with his sister and their friends. From then on, Abrams' **ambition** was to work in Hollywood and make movies and TV shows. He soon got his first  
 10 opportunity at 16 years old, when he wrote music for a movie called *Nightbeast*.

In college, Abrams co-wrote and sold a screenplay to a Hollywood production company. He started gaining popularity for his work, and his next two dramas—*Regarding Henry* and *Forever Young*—were hit movies. Abrams continued to write and produce screenplays throughout his 20s, the biggest being *Armageddon*.

- But Abrams never lost his **passion** for the mysterious and wanted to create shows like the ones he enjoyed as a child. His next move was into television in 1998, when he helped create the popular TV series *Felicity*. Some of his shows became huge hits, like  
 20 the spy drama *Alias* and the Emmy-winning mystery thriller *Lost*. Abrams made his movie directing **debut** almost a decade later in 2006, with *Mission: Impossible III*. He then went on to direct science fiction movie *Star Trek* in 2009. His movie success caught the attention of top filmmaker Steven Spielberg. Together, they created the monster movie *Super 8*, named for the camera both men experimented with when they were  
 25 young.

- The Super 8 camera has proved to be very **influential** in Abrams' life, but there is another special gift that has helped Abrams become who he is today. Not long after the camera, Abrams' grandfather gave him a box of magic tricks. Abrams calls it a 'mystery box,' because he never opened it. He says he wants to **preserve** the mystery, and remind  
 30 himself to create unexpected stories. To him, the box '**represents** infinite' possibility. It represents hope. It represents potential."

- Abrams has even used the box **metaphor** to describe movie theaters. "What's a bigger mystery box than a movie theater? You go to the theater, you're just so excited to see anything... mystery boxes are everywhere in what I do." The box remains a source of  
 35 **inspiration** for Abrams, and he keeps it on a shelf in his office.

- At a dinner party in 1994, Abrams met a woman named Katie McGrath and they got married soon after. Today, the couple and their three children live near Los Angeles, California, where Abrams runs his own production company called Bad Robot. He keeps busy, usually working on many projects at once, and is always looking to create more  
 40 and more mystery boxes.





Difficult words and phrases:

Mystery	Strange happening
Magic	Surprising action
Tricks	An action that is hard to believe
Ambition	Desire to have more
Opportunity	Chance
Passion	Interest
To create	To make
Huge	Very big
Debut	The first time sth is introduced
Influential	Effective
To preserve	To keep safe
To represent	To announce; To show
Potential	Having power; Happening in the future
Metaphor	Similarity
Inspiration	Motivation



Do the following exercises after reading the text carefully.

### Reading Comprehension

Check Your Understanding

#### A Choose the correct answers for the following questions.

- What kind of passage is this?  
a a biography    b a newspaper article    c a critical review
- What can be understood from the passage?  
a J.J. Abrams is no longer making movies.  
b J.J. Abrams has opened the magic box.  
c J.J. Abrams still enjoys making entertainment.
- Abrams compares \_\_\_\_\_ to his box of magic tricks.  
a the love of a boy and his grandfather  
b the mystery of going to a movie theater  
c watching mystery television shows

#### B Read the following sentences. Check (✓) true (T) or false (F).

	T	F
1 Abrams mostly wrote screenplays in his 20s.		
2 Abrams compares the movie theater to his Super 8 camera.		
3 Steven Spielberg has worked with Abrams since Abrams' television days.		
4 Abrams works for his wife's production company, Bad Robot.		
5 Abrams likes to work on more than one project at a time.		

### Critical Thinking

#### C Discuss the following questions with a partner.

- What else could you compare a movie theater to? Why?
- Would you open the mystery box if you were Abrams? Why, or why not?

### Vocabulary Comprehension

Words in Context

#### A Choose the best answer. The words in blue are from the passage.

- The color red usually represents \_\_\_\_\_.  
a danger    b something easily noticed
- The main **ambition** of many professional athletes is to \_\_\_\_\_.  
a win competitions    b stay healthy
- Someone who has **passion** for something usually spends \_\_\_\_\_ time doing it.  
a very little    b a lot of
- An influential person would most likely be \_\_\_\_\_ by other people.  
a ignored    b listened to
- People usually want to **preserve** \_\_\_\_\_ things.  
a good    b bad
- You usually get **inspiration** from people you \_\_\_\_\_.  
a admire    b dislike