

# Activities

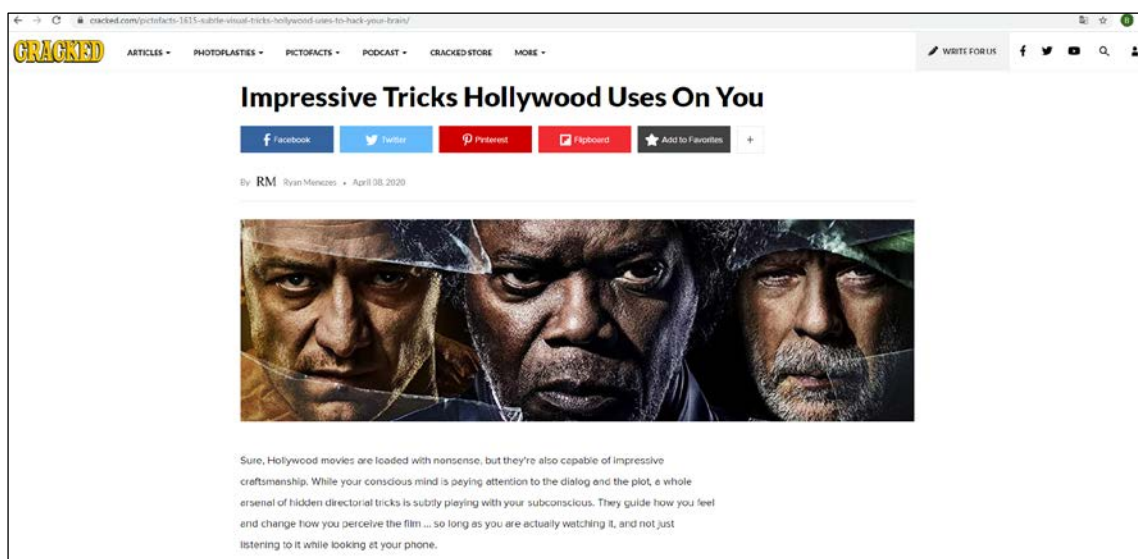
## Topic: Free

Use Google Translate in case you don't understand something.

### 1. Visual Effects and tricks in movies

#### *Instructions:*

Go to the Cracked website using the link to the photoplasty "Impressive Tricks Hollywood Uses On You". (<https://www.cracked.com/pictofacts-1615-subtle-visual-tricks-hollywood-uses-to-hack-your-brain/>)



You will find 15 entries about techniques used in movies. They vary from symbolism to camera tricks, and come with an example of a movie that uses each.



Use the IMDB website to find out the movies' title in Portuguese, in case you don't recognize any.

*Read all the entries and answer the following questions.*

**a) How many of those movies have you seen?**

*I have...*

**b) Had you noticed any of these effects or tricks before reading? Which ones?**

*Yes/No, I had...*

**c) Can you name other movie titles that use some of these effects or tricks?**

*There's the movie X, which uses the effect on entry Y, and...*

**d) Which of these did you find the most interesting? You can choose more than one.**

*The ones I...*

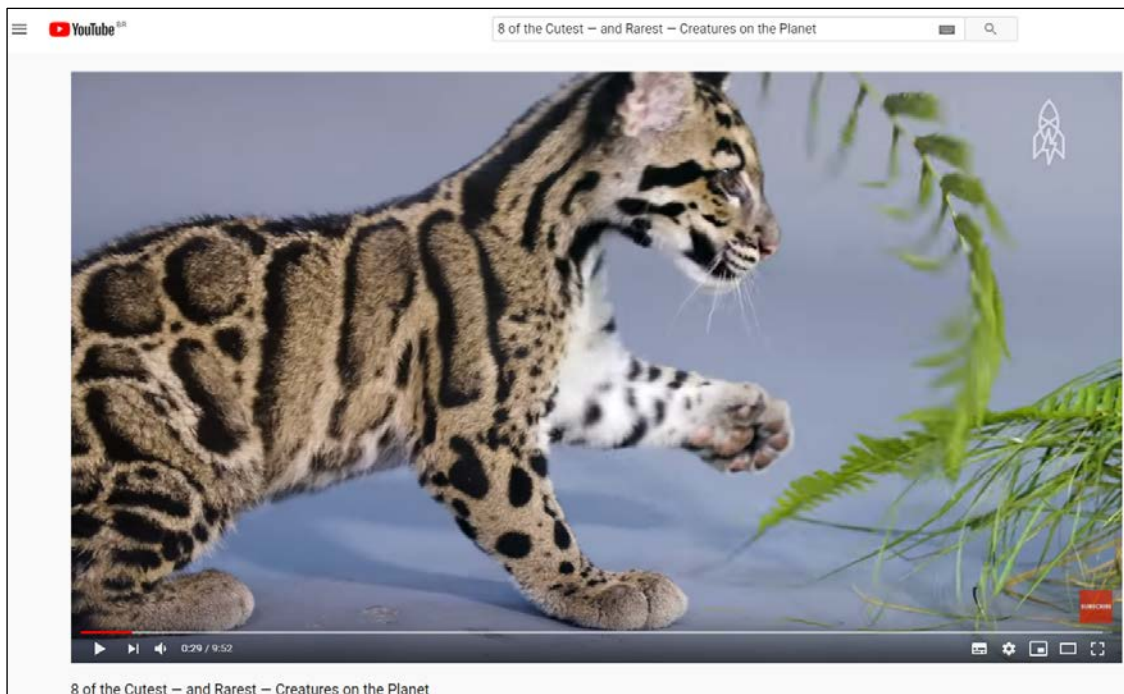
**e) Does your favorite movie use any of these effect and tricks? Which ones?**

*My favorite movie is X, and it uses...*

2. Learn about some interesting and endangered species

*Instructions:*

*Go to the YouTube website using the link to the video "8 of the Cutest – and Rarest – Creatures on the Planet". (<https://youtu.be/vl-PcTA9HHqI>)*



*Watch the video, and then answer the questions.*

**a) Had you heard about any of these animals before reading? Which ones?**

*I had...*

**b) What did you find the most interesting about each of these animals?**

*I thought...*

**c) Where can the second animal still be found?**

*I think my family will be...*

**d) What's special about the third animal's nose?**

*It can...*

**e) What has caused the decline in population of the fourth animal?**

*The main threats are...*

**f) What kind of animal is the fifth one?**

*It is a...*

**g) The sixth animal is more closely related to which animal than to a panda?**

*It is...*

**h) When does the seventh animal raise its spines?**

*It raises its spines when...*

**i) Where does the eighth animal live?**

*It lives on...*

**3. Cath up with the news**

*Instructions:*

*Go to the BBC website using the link to the article "Why smart people believe coronavirus myths". (<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20200406-why-smart-people-believe-coronavirus-myths>)*



*This article deals with fake news and the ways they trick us into believing them. Read the text, and then answer the following questions.*

**a) Has fake news been a problem before? When?**

*Yes, they've been...*

**b) How is the World Health Organization trying to fight fake news about Covid-19? Did you visit the website (it's a link in the article)? Did you think it was good?**

*They have...*

**c) What has happened in Iran due to fake news about Covid-19?**

*People have...*

**d) What do you think about the fact that 49% of Americans believe the Covid-19 might have been man-made?**

*I think...*

**e) What is the profession of the smart person mentioned in the article, who believes lies about Covid-19? Where did she graduate?**

*She is a...*

**f) Are world leaders also spreading misinformation about the disease? What do you think about that?**

*Yes/No, they are...*

**g) What are some important factors that make fake news believable?**

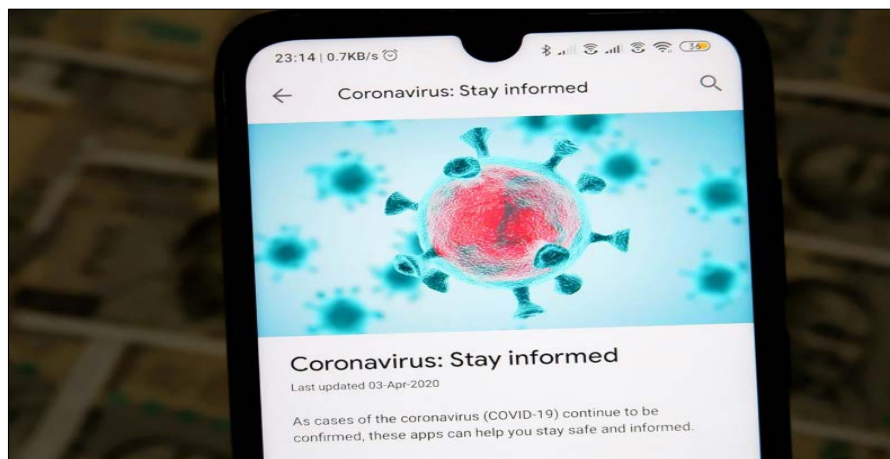
*There's the...*

**h) How does the article suggest that attempts to debunk lies should be made?**

*They should use...*

**i) Did you look for references for the information contained in the previous exercises (on Cracked and YouTube)? If you didn't, do that now. How did you find them? Were they reliable?**

*Yes/No, I...*



*The mere presence of an image alongside a statement increases our trust in its accuracy (Credit: Getty Images)*