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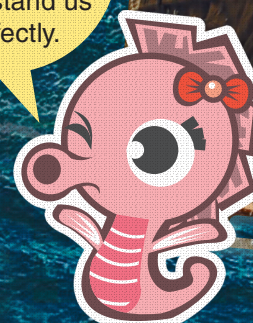
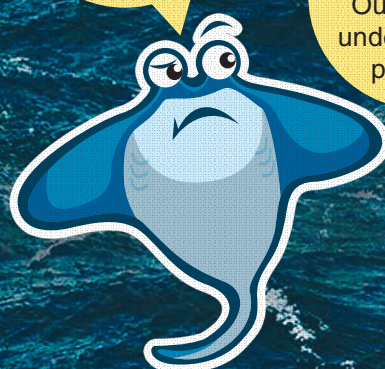
Every animal's best friend



Honestly, what's the big deal about talking animals?

Yeah, we talk all the time. Our readers understand us perfectly.

PET owners often wish their animal companions can talk, as it would make caring for them easier. But what if you woke up one day and discovered you could understand all the animals you meet? This is what happened to the title character in the upcoming movie *Dolittle*, and his ability allows him to go on an exciting adventure.





The amazing skill of talking to animals

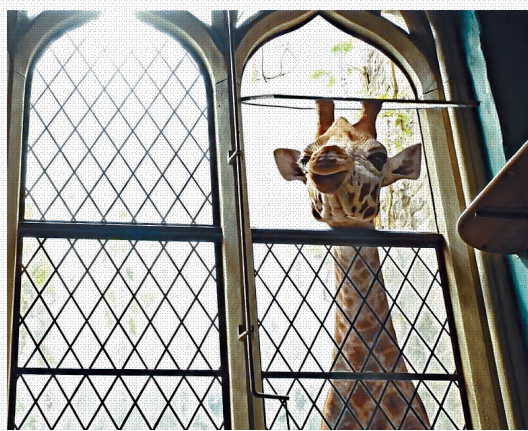


In *Dolittle*, the main character, Dr Dolittle, played by Robert Downey Jr, has a fun-filled adventure as he tries to help Queen Victoria and is supported by all the **incredible** animals he earlier made friends with.



Queen Victoria calls

SET in Britain (不列顛) during the Victorian era, this movie is about the adventures of the famous doctor and **veterinarian** Dr Dolittle. After losing his wife a long time ago, Dolittle locks himself up in his **mansion** and only wants to spend time with his many animal friends. But one day, he finds out that Queen Victoria is very ill and decides to go find a cure.



Dolittle will be in cinemas starting 23 January.

The original stories

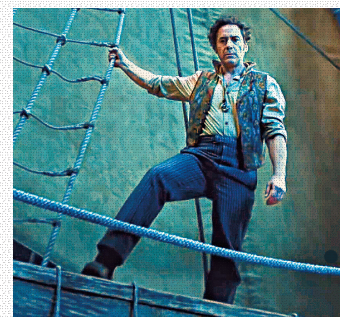
DR Dolittle was originally the main character in a children's book series written by Hugh Lofting. Published in 1920, the first book, *The Story of Doctor Dolittle*, shows how Dolittle learns how to **communicate** with animals with the help of his talking pet parrot, Polynesia, and uses his newfound ability to get out of bad **situations**.



▲ Hugh Lofting

Dolittle adaptations

THE story was **adapted** into a popular musical film classic in 1967 as *Doctor Dolittle*. It has also been adapted into a radio series, a cartoon TV series and a musical. The films *Dr Dolittle* (1998) and *Dr Dolittle 2* (2001) were set in the present day and were box office successes.



Goodies is giving away tickets for *Dolittle*, courtesy of Universal Pictures. To win a pair, please send your answer to the following question to goodies@thestandard.com.hk, together with your full name, school's name and home address by 21 January.



Name: _____ Age: _____
Address: _____
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Question: Who helped Dolittle learn how to talk with animals?
Your answer: _____

incredible (adj)
難以置信的

veterinarian (n)
獸醫

mansion (n)
大屋

Vocabulary

Challenge ★★★★★

communicate (v)
溝通

situation (n)
情況

adapt (v)
改編