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Big Hero 6



About the movie (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	D. Hall, C. Williams
YEAR / COUNTRY	2014 / USA
GENRE	Animation
ACTORS	Voices: R. Potter, S. Adsit, T. J. Miller, J. Chung

PLOT

The story is set in the futuristic city of San Fransokyo, where a 14-year old techno genius, Hiro Hamada, channels his brilliance into fighting micro-bots in back alleys in secret. This doesn't much impress his older brother Tadashi, a college student at what Hiro calls a "nerd school". Tadashi wants Hiro to channel his talents and along, with his friends, convinces Hiro that nerd school may not be so bad. All these persons are geniuses, but Hiro proves to be their equal, creating mind-controlled nanobot technology to impress Professor Callaghan who holds the key to admission.

However, things turn tragic and Hiro is devastated by the events.

He subsequently comes upon Baymax, a health-care robot that Tadashi was working on, and soon finds evidence that the tragedy might not have been an accident. Hiro changes Baymax's programming and transforms Tadashi's friends - Wasabi, Honey Lemon, Go Go Tomago and Fred - into a high-tech team of superheroes called Big Hero 6 in search of justice.

Only, not really. Hiro is more interested in vengeance. How he deals with that struggle is a touching part of the film.

The film is loosely based on the Marvel Comics series of the same name, published in 1998.

The film won the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature in 2015 and was nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Animated Feature Film.

LANGUAGE

Standard American English, some slang.

GRAMMAR

A **TIME CLAUSE** is a dependent clause beginning with a time word (when, after, before, as soon as, once, until etc.).

The verb tense in a time clause may be different from what you expect.

FUTURE TIME CLAUSES

Use the **SIMPLE PRESENT** (or sometimes the Present Perfect) in a future time clause.

The simple present is preferred.

The test will begin as soon as everyone **SITS** down, (preferred).

The test will begin as soon as everyone **HAS SAT** down.

I plan to move to London once I **OBTAIN** my degree.

Do not use "will" or "be going" in a future time clause.

I'll be glad when the test **IS** over.

I won't celebrate until I FIND OUT if I passed.
I'm going to say a little prayer before I LOOK AT my score.

VOCABULARY

Marshmallow: a light, spongy, very sweet confection formerly made from the marsh mallow plant	Dinner is on me: I'll pay for the dinner
To have the guts: to have the courage to do something difficult	I stubbed my toe: I accidentally hurt my toe
Beat it: go away, scam	Mood swings: a sudden, unexpected change in one's feelings or behavior
A sore loser: a failure, a washout	No kidding!: really!, honestly! (a reaction of surprise) emphasizing what you are saying is true
Good timing: the right moment in a situation	You got to be kidding!: you must be joking!
Knucklehead: stupid	Concerns: worries, preoccupation
A shrink: psychiatrist	Fist bump: give me a fist! = give me five!
Washed up at 14: a failure at 14	Nerds: persons interested in technical subjects
To shake things up: to radically change something	Nitwit: idiot
You rattle me: you upset me	A setback: a sudden check / halt in progress, a change from better to worse
To leave someone hanging: to keep someone waiting for a decision or an answer, "I was left hanging, waiting for the exam results"	Pay-off: outcome, reward
I nailed it: I proved it, I demonstrated it	It blew my mind: it was amazing