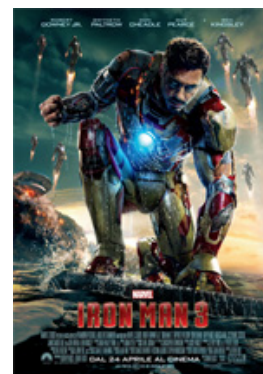


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Iron Man 3



About the movie (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	Shane Black
YEAR / COUNTRY	2013 / USA, China
GENRE	Action
ACTORS	Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Don Cheadle

PLOT

Marvel's "Iron Man 3" pits brash-but-brilliant industrialist Tony Stark/Iron Man against an enemy whose reach knows no bounds. When Stark finds his personal world destroyed at his enemy's hands, he embarks on a harrowing quest to find those responsible. This journey, at every turn, will test his mettle. With his back against the wall, Stark is left to survive by his own devices, relying on his ingenuity and instincts to protect those closest to him. As he fights his way back, Stark discovers the answer to the question that has secretly haunted him: does the man make the suit or does the suit make the man?

LANGUAGE

Standard American with some idiomatic slang English coupled with British accents.

GRAMMAR

Time

countability and article use

Time has various uses, some countable and some uncountable. Most of these are straightforward:

- Measure of duration: how long
- When we talk about the number of hours, days etc. that are needed to contemplate something, *time* is generally uncountable (and therefore used without a)
- *How **much time** do we need to load the van?*
- *It took quite **some time** to persuade her to talk to us*
- *Don't worry – there's plenty of **time***
- *This is a complete waste of **time***
- However, *time* is countable in certain expressions like *a long/short time* and *quite a time*
- *I took **a long time** to get to sleep. She was away **for quite a time**.*

VOCABULARY

A brave: an American Indian warrior	Awkward: not graceful
Brisk: fresh, invigorating	Calibrate: to adjust or mark (something, such as a measuring device) so that it can be used in an accurate and exact way

<p>A glitch: an unexpected and usually minor problem; especially with a machine or device (such as a computer)</p>	<p>To glimpse: to look or see (something or someone) for a very short time (intransitive verb)</p>
<p>Insurgency: the quality or state of being insurgent; specifically: a condition of revolt against a government that is less than an organized revolution</p>	<p>Mimetic: imitative; relating to, characterized by, or exhibiting mimicry (mimetic coloring of a butterfly)</p>
<p>To pinch: to squeeze (someone's skin) often in a painful way</p>	<p>A harness: a set of straps that are used to connect a person to something (such as a parachute or a seat)</p>
<p>Hollow: having nothing inside: not solid</p>	<p>Lame: not strong, good or effective</p>
<p>Knock off: copy, imitate</p>	<p>Maneuvers: military activities performed for training</p>
<p>Shifty: having an appearance or way of behaving that seems dishonest</p>	<p>Shred: a very small amount of something</p>
<p>A stickler: one who insists on exactness or completeness in the observance of something (a stickler for the rules)</p>	<p>Tense: nervous and not able to relax</p>
<p>Titillated: to excite pleurably: arouse by stimulation</p>	<p>Think tank: an institute, corporation, or group organized for interdisciplinary research</p>
<p>Quaint: having an old-fashioned or unusual quality or appearance that is usually attractive or appealing</p>	<p>To tinker: to try to repair or improve something by making small changes or adjustments to it</p>