

Foreign Language Film Festival 2009-2010

Kung Fu Panda

About the movie (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	Mark Osborne, John Stevenson
YEAR / COUNTRY	2008 / USA
GENRE	Animation
ACTORS	Voices: Jack Black (Po), Dustin Hoffman (Shifu) Angelina Jolie (Tigress), Jackie Chan (Monkey) Seth Rogen (Mantis), Lucy Liu (Viper) David Cross (Crane), Ian McShane (Tai Lung)



PLOT

This is an action comedy based on martial arts in the spirit of Hong Kong action cinema that basically incorporates the hero's journey .

In an anthropomorphic China, the valley of the kings is protected by the furious five – Tigress, Monkey, Mantis, Viper, and Crane – a quintet of warriors trained in Kung Fu by the wise tortoise Master Oogway and his primary protégé, the red panda Master Shifu.

One day, Oogway has a premonition that Shifu's former foster son, the brutal and ruthless snow leopard, Tai Lung, will escape from prison and return to the valley. He decides to hold a martial arts tournament to decide who will receive the Dragon Scroll and identify the true Dragon Warrior - the only one worthy of the Dragon Scroll.

Po is a young giant panda and kung fu fanatic who works in his goose father's noodle restaurant. Upon hearing of the tournament, Po tries to attend as a spectator, but his father tells him to work at selling noodles instead. The story takes off from here.

LANGUAGE

Standard American English, some slang.

GRAMMAR

Prepositions of time

Many errors are often made with prepositions of **time**.

<p>In the morning/afternoon/evening January etc. summer etc. 1985 the 1920's two weeks two weeks' time your free time</p>	<p>At six o'clock etc. midnight Christmas/Easter the weekend the moment</p>	<p>On Saturday etc. Monday morning etc. 18 June etc.</p>
<p>For six minutes a long time ages</p>	<p>Since 18 July etc. my last birthday I arrived</p>	<p>During the film/lesson winter/holidays war</p>

VOCABULARY

Kung fu: Chinese martial arts	To hang out: be together as friends
Noodles: a type of Chinese pasta	Soup is sharp: soup is spicy
Broth: water in which meat or vegetables were cooked	Tofu: bean curd
Viper: poisonous snake	Scroll: document or written message
Glad: happy, pleased	Peeky-hole: a hole in a wall or door where other people can be observed
Flabby: obese	Pinkie: little finger
Praying mantis: very aggressive insect	Awesome: extraordinary, interesting
Laid waste: destroyed	Get rid of something: to eliminate