



Movie Time: Cast Away

↓ PRE-WATCHING

Before watching the movie *Cast Away* (2000), focus on the title. What kind of film do you think it is?

Choose among the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> thriller | <input type="checkbox"/> action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mystery | <input type="checkbox"/> drama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> comedy | <input type="checkbox"/> crime |
| <input type="checkbox"/> science fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> adventure |



↓ WHILE WATCHING

Answer the following questions.

- 1 Which company does Chuck work for?
- 2 What happens to the plane Chuck is travelling on?
- 3 Where does the plane crash?
- 4 What are some of the first things Chuck does when he lands on the island?
- 5 What does he write in the sand?
- 6 How many years does Chuck spend on the island?
- 7 Who is Wilson?

↓ AFTER WATCHING

Complete the summary below with the words given: Pacific – dead – plane – fish – worldwide – problem – cargo – pickup – starring – married – survive – rescue – ball – shelter – sender.

The Plot

Cast Away is a 2000 drama film directed and produced by Robert Zemeckis and **1** Tom Hanks as a FedEx employee stranded on an uninhabited island after his **2** crashes in the South Pacific. The film shows his attempts to **3** on the island using remnants of his plane's cargo.

The film is set in 1995. Chuck Noland (Tom Hanks) is a time-obsessed systems analyst, who travels **4** resolving productivity problems at FedEx depots. He lives in Memphis, Tennessee with his girlfriend Kelly Frears (Helen Hunt). During a Christmas party with relatives Chuck is summoned to resolve a **5** in Malaysia.

Flying through a violent storm, his airplane crashes into the **6** Ocean. Chuck is able to escape and floats all night clinging to a life-raft, before being washed up on an uninhabited island.

Several FedEx packages from the crashed plane wash up on the shore. He initially tries to signal for **7** and makes an escape attempt with the remnants of his life-raft, but he cannot pass the powerful surf. He searches for food, water, **8**, and opens the packages, finding a number of potentially useful items. He leaves one package, with a pair of wings painted on it, unopened.

During a first attempt to make fire, Chuck receives a deep wound to his hand. In anger he throws several objects, inclu-

ding a Wilson Sporting Goods volleyball from one of the packages. A short time later he draws a face in the bloody hand print on the **9**, names it Wilson and begins talking to it.

Four years later Chuck is dramatically thinner, bearded, his hair is longer, and he is wearing a loincloth. He has become adept at spearing **10** and making fires. He also has regular conversations and arguments with Wilson. Later, he is found drifting by a passing **11** ship.

Upon returning to civilization, Chuck learns that he has long been given up for **12**; his family and friends held a funeral, and Kelly has since **13** Chuck's dentist and has a daughter. After reuniting with Kelly, the pair profess their love for each other but, realizing a future together would be impossible due to her commitment to her family, they part. Chuck then travels out into the country to return the unopened FedEx package to its **14**. The house at the address is empty, so he leaves the package at the door with a note saying that the package saved his life. He then departs and stops at a crossroads. A woman passing by in a **15** truck stops to explain where each road leads. As she drives away, Chuck notices the illustration on her truck is identical to the one on the parcel. Chuck is left looking down each road and then toward the departing woman in the truck.

(Adapted from www.wikipedia.org)