

## No Time To Die

Flashy cars, heroes and villains, bullets flying, spies crossed and double-crossed: these are all ingredients of a 007 storyline. The trailer has already got us excited. The theme song plays on the radio. We hoped to see Daniel Craig in action as James Bond in April. But, the world is facing a crisis. The film premiere has been delayed until November 2020.



### Delayed

The film was going to be released in April 2020. However, the worldwide spread of the coronavirus means it is better to delay the film. People cannot go to the cinema in large numbers now. To make sure people get the chance to see the film in full theatres, filled with enthusiastic Bond fans, the film will come out in November. First, in the UK on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and then in Europe and North America on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Final of five

Daniel Craig stars as 007. Yet, this is his fifth and final film as the well known MI6 special agent. *No Time To Die* is the final in a series. The story started in *Casino Royal*, which continued in *Quantum of Solace*, through to *Skyfall* and finally *Spectre*. The storyline continues in the last of the series. But, the director says that 'for new audiences, people who have never seen any of the films before, it's strong enough that they can get involved.' So, if you are a Bond fan or not, it is sure to be a good show.

### Production

The making of the film has been difficult. Boyle, the original film director, left in August 2018 due to 'creative differences'. He was replaced by Fukunaga. But, there was another issue. The producers were not pleased with the film up to then. So, the writers had to start again and figure out a new storyline. If that wasn't bad enough, Craig injured his ankle during a stunt in May 2019. That kept him away for two weeks. The film wrapped up in October. The film budget was \$250 million.

### Promotion

The film has already been promoted. The official trailer came out in December and Billie Eilish released the new theme song in February. Hopefully this song will keep fans happy until the film comes out in November. The song, produced by this 18-year old talented singer, is moody. It is described as tasteful, respectful and mature. Eilish is the youngest person in the history of 25 Bond films to write and record a theme song. She herself said it was a huge honour. 'James Bond is the coolest film franchise ever to exist. I'm still in shock.'

**Sources:** [www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com); [www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com); [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

### Words to help you

the hero = the main character in a film who is good

the villain = the character in a film who is bad or evil

to release = to bring out, to make available for the public to buy or see