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In 1977, a movie came out like no one had ever seen before. A tale of epic space adventure, the films gained wide popularity and cult followings—you may have heard of it...

STAR WARS

As a movie based in space, many of the sound effects that are used don’t actually exist. To make these sounds, the sound design specialists used other materials in combination to create the desired sound effect.

The sounds used for the blaster guns were modified versions of steel cables pulled tightly and being struck with a wrench or other metal tool.

Chewbacca’s growls were made by combining sounds from dogs, bears, lions, tigers and walruses and creating sentences with them.

As a robot, R2-D2 needed a computerized sounding voice, so they created his voice by using water pipes, whistles and filtering human voices through an electronic synthesizer.

Darth Vader’s heavy breathing was achieved by breathing through the mask of a scuba regulator while recording inside the mask.

“Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope” was originally named “Adventures of Luke Starkiller, Episode One: The Star Wars.”

A variation of “I have a bad feeling about this,” is used eight times throughout the six movies, and was even uttered by Harrison Ford in George Lucas’ Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull.
The actor who played the voice of Yoda also did the voice of Miss Piggy, Fozzie Bear and other characters on The Muppets.

Darth Vader was portrayed by four actors: David Prowse was the main actor, Bob Anderson was the stunt performer and James Earl Jones provided the voice. Sebastian Shaw played the unmasked Darth Vader. Separately, Hayden Christensen played the young Anakin.

So many stormtroopers and so little names mentioned. Two names to be exact. Throughout all of the Star Wars movies, only two of the stormtroopers names were mentioned, TK-421 and CC-2224, nicknamed “Cody.”

The first Star Wars budget was $11 million in 1977 would be $44,047,061.86 in today’s economy.

Star Wars was nominated for an Academy Award for best picture in 1977, but lost to Annie Hall, directed by Woody Allen.

As you may know, a new Star Wars movie is in the works. Disney bought Lucasfilm for $4 billion in October of 2013, and Star Trek director, J.J. Abrams will be directing it. News of the new film is being kept very secret, but rumors are that a few of the actors will return. Harrison Ford will likely be playing Han Solo again, along with Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia. As for who is playing Darth Vader—Michael Fassbender, Hugo Weaving and Adam Driver are all rumored to be considered, but the favorite is Adam Driver.