

# THE PINK PANTHER FILMS

Everyone loves Inspector Clouseau. He often falls over and says stupid things. But he is always kind, and he always finds the thief!



**The actors ...**  
Steve Martin is not the first person in the part of the famous French detective. Peter Sellers created Inspector Jacques

**... and the diamond!**

The Pink Panther isn't a thief or a detective. It's the world's biggest diamond!

Where does the name come from? Hold the diamond up to the light and look into it carefully. There you can see a pink panther. The diamond isn't in all the Pink Panther films. There are eleven Pink Panther films, but the diamond is only in six of them.

Clouseau in 1963 and was in five Pink Panther films. This is Steve Martin's second Pink Panther film.



## Famous music

Henry Mancini wrote the famous music for the first film. Lots of British children learn to play this music at school.

## A lucky detective

Clouseau is an idiot, but he always finds the thief. How does he do it? Usually, he is just very lucky!

## An angry Chief Inspector

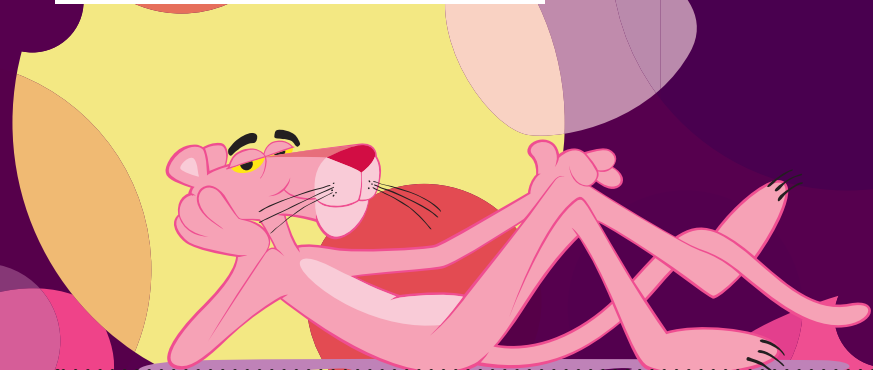
Dreyfus knows Clouseau is an idiot. But other people think Clouseau is the world's best detective. Dreyfus is very angry about this. France gave Clouseau a special medal for his police work, but Dreyfus hasn't got any medals.

## The coolest cat in town!

The film makers created the cartoon pink panther for the first Pink Panther film. Later he was in his own TV show and video games.



Who are the funniest people in films and on TV?



What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.

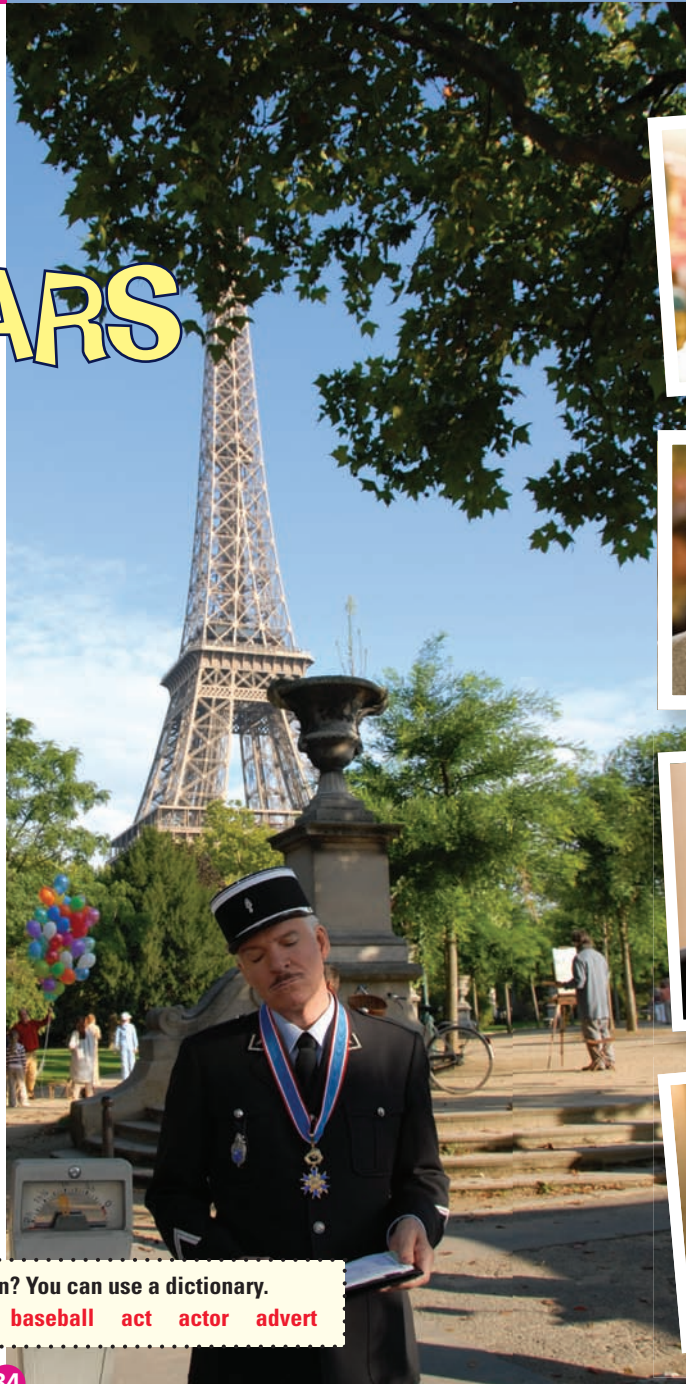
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# THE PINK PANTHER 2

## THE STARS

*The Pink Panther 2* has stars from lots of different countries. It's an international dream team!

 **Steve Martin** is American. He is from California and his first job was in the Magic Shop at Disneyland. There, he learned to do magic. He learned to play the banjo too. He always loved the Pink Panther films and wanted to play Inspector Clouseau.



**Andy Garcia** plays Vincenzo, the Italian detective. But Andy isn't Italian, he's Cuban. His family moved to the United States when he was five. His most famous films are *The Godfather* and *Ocean's Eleven, Twelve and Thirteen*.



Who is your country's most famous actor? What's their most famous film?



**Alfred Molina** is British detective Randall Pepperidge in *The Pink Panther 2*. Alfred is from London and is English, but his father is Spanish and his mother is Italian! He speaks English, Spanish and Italian very well. He played Doc Ock in *Spiderman 2*.



**Yuki Matsuzaki** is from Japan. He wanted to be an actor in the United States. But when he arrived in New York, someone stole all his money. He started acting on the streets for money. But then he found film work and a part in *Heroes* on American TV.



**Aishwarya Rai** comes from India. She was in a Pepsi advert on Indian TV and was soon famous. Then she started making Bollywood films. People in India love her. She was in the famous Bollywood film, *Bride and Prejudice*.



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international magic banjo baseball act actor advert

# THE WORLD'S

The Tornado steals the Magna Carta, the Turin Shroud, the Kusanagi Sword and the Pope's ring. But why does the thief choose these treasures? Why are they special?

## Magna Carta

**How old is it?** About 800 years.

**What is it?** It's the most famous document in England. In 1215, King John was king of England. He needed money so he took it from England's most important men. They were very angry and they wrote the Magna Carta. It said, 'The people must follow the laws of England, and the king must follow the laws too.' King John and the important men put their names on the Magna Carta.

**Where is it?** There are four Magna Carta documents. Two of them are in important buildings in London.

**Can you see them?** Yes.



## The Turin Shroud

**How old is it?** No one knows. Some people think it's only about 900 years old. Other people think it's between 1,300 and 3,000 years old.

**What is it?** After Jesus Christ died, his friends put a cloth or 'shroud' around his body. Many people believe the Turin Shroud is that cloth. It is 4 metres long and it has a picture of a man on it. Is this a picture of the real Jesus?

**Where is it?** It's in Turin Cathedral, in Italy.

**Can you see it?** Not usually. It only comes out on special days.

# TREASURES

## The Kusanagi Sword



The Japanese sun goddess, Amaterasu

**How old is it?** No one knows.

**What is it?** Thousands of years ago, the Japanese sun goddess, Amaterasu, gave three treasures to the first Emperor (or King) of Japan. The sword was one of these treasures. With it, the Emperor is strong.

**Where is it?** No one knows. People think it's in the Atsuta Shrine, Nagoya, Japan.

**Can you see it?** No. Only the Emperor can see it.



## The Pope's Ring

**How old is it?** Each Pope has a new ring.

**What is it?** It is a ring with a picture of Saint Peter in a fishing boat.

**Where is it?** On the Pope's right hand.

**Can you see it?** Yes, when you are with the Pope!

What famous treasures are there in your country? Which is the most interesting?

What do these words mean? You can use a dictionary.

treasure document king law cloth goddess sword