

# Decades Away

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All these movies describe fake future movies for series that already have two movies. First, identify the movies and their release years, as well as their predecessors' release years.

| First movie              | Second movie                              | Third movie (set in the future)              |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Finding Nemo (2003)      | Finding Dory (2016)                       | Finding Coral (2060)                         |
| Inside Out (2015)        | Inside Out 2 (2024)                       | Inside Out 3 (2051)                          |
| Mary Poppins (1964)      | Mary Poppins Returns (2018)               | Mary Poppins Comes Back Again (2059)         |
| Monsters, Inc. (2001)    | Monsters University (2013)                | Monsters CIA (2056)                          |
| National Treasure (2004) | National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) | National Treasure: Exploring Atlantis (2057) |
| Pacific Rim (2013)       | Pacific Rim Uprising (2018)               | Pacific Rim: Enemy Invasion (2053)           |

*(The original idea was to use movies with a long gap between the first and second installments, making a third movie far in the future feel plausible. This plan didn't quite work out due to a lack of well-known options, but fun fact: Mary Poppins holds the record for the longest gap between first and second live-action movies - a whopping 54 years!)*

Once you've identified the movies, the flavor text "Could clues from the past help you put these recent movie titles in order" should help guide you on how to order the third movie titles. Use the numbers given at the bottom of the puzzle to index into the corresponding titles.

| First movie ordering     | "First" Index | Third movie, ordered by first movie premiere year |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Finding Nemo (2003)      | 1             | <u>M</u> ary Poppins Comes Back Again             |
| Inside Out (2015)        | 9             | Monsters <u>C</u> IA                              |
| Mary Poppins (1964)      | 1             | <u>F</u> inding Coral                             |
| Monsters, Inc. (2001)    | 8             | National <u>a</u> Treasure: Exploring Atlantis    |
| National Treasure (2004) | 15            | Pacific Rim: Enemy <u>y</u> Invasion              |
| Pacific Rim (2013)       | 3             | In <u>s</u> ide Out 3                             |

| Second movie ordering                     | "Second" Index | Third movie, ordered by second movie premiere year |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) | 13             | National Treas <u>u</u> re: Exploring Atlantis     |
| Monsters University (2013)                | 9              | Monsters <u>C</u> IA                               |
| Finding Dory (2016)                       | 2              | <u>F</u> inding Coral                              |
| Pacific Rim Uprising (2018)               | 11             | Pacific Rim: <u>E</u> nemy Invasion                |
| Mary Poppins Returns (2018)               | 10             | Mary Poppin <u>s</u> Comes Back Again              |
| Inside Out 2 (2024)                       | 9              | Inside Out <u>t</u> 3                              |

Note: Pacific Rim Uprising and Mary Poppins Returns both premiered in 2018, however Pacific Rim premiered in March and Mary Poppins in December, which is why Pacific Rim is ordered first.

| "Third" Index | Third movie, ordered by premiere year                  |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 1             | <u>I</u> nside Out 3 (2051)                            |
| 20            | Pacific Rim: Enemy Inva <u>s</u> ion (2053)            |
| 5             | Monst <u>t</u> ers CIA (2056)                          |
| 19            | National Treasure: Exp <u>p</u> loring Atlantis (2057) |
| 2             | M <u>a</u> ry Poppins Comes Back Again (2059)          |
| 12            | Finding Cora <u>l</u> (2060)                           |

Combining all the extracted letters gives you the phrase: **MCFLYS/SCIENTIST/PAL** which refers to Emmett Lathrop Brown, or more affectionately, Doc **BROWN**, from the Back to the Future series.