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# **☐** THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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The Silence of the Lambs is a 1991 American thriller film that blends elements of both the crime and horror genres. It was directed by Jonathan Demme and stars Jodie Foster and Anthony Hopkins. It is based on the 1988 novel of the same name by Thomas Harris. The movie centres on Dr Hannibal Lecter, a brilliant psychiatrist and cannibalistic serial killer. In the film, Clarice Starling, a young FBI trainee played by Jodie Foster, seeks the advice of the imprisoned Dr. Lecter to apprehend another serial killer, known only as "Buffalo Bill". Events lead to Lecter escaping from the authorities, which sees the start of a chilling relationship between Starling and Lecter.

The Silence of the Lambs was the third film to win Oscars in all top five categories: Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay. It is also the first horror film to win Best Picture. The film is considered "culturally, historically or aesthetically" significant by the US Library of Congress. One critic mentioned the "terrifying qualities" of Hannibal Lecter. In 2006, the original poster for the movie was named best film poster "of the past 35 years". The film was seventh on Bravo's 100 Scariest Movie Moments, and the American Film Institute named Hannibal Lecter as the number one film villain ever, and Clarice as the sixth greatest film hero of all time.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The Silence of the Lambs %28film%29

# **☐** TRAILER AND POSTER

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## **POSTER**

**1. SIX WORDS:** Look at the poster and write down six words (more if you like) that you think of as you look at it. Share the words with your partner(s). Why did you choose them?

You can find posters for this movie at <a href="www.wikipedia.com">www.imbd.com</a> - just type the name of the movie in the search field.

- **2. STORY:** Talk about what you think the story of the movie is the start, beginning, end, etc. Change partners and share stories.
- **3. CREDITS:** Look at the credits on the poster (the actors, director, producer...) and talk about them with your partner(s).
- **4. MUST-SEE:** Talk with your partner(s) about whether the poster and movie title are good and make you want to see the movie.
- **5. STARRING YOU:** Imagine you are one of the stars of the movie. Talk about your role with your movie star partner(s).

## **TRAILER**

**1. RETELL:** Watch the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).

You can watch a trailer at <a href="http://www.youtube.com">http://www.youtube.com</a>

- **2. CHUNKS:** Watch 10-to-15 second chunks of the trailer and retell what you saw to your partner(s).
- **3. QUIZ:** Watch the trailer and write down some quiz questions for your partner(s). Watch a second time to find the answers to the questions.
- **4. VOCABULARY:** Make a note of words in the trailer that you see or hear. Talk about them with your partner(s).
- **5. GOOD / BAD:** Watch the trailer and write down why you think the film might be good or bad. Share your ideas with your partner(s).

# ■ MATCHING

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#### **SYNONYM MATCH**

1. blends

2 genres

3. brilliant

4. apprehend

5. relationship

6. aesthetically

7. terrifying

8. original

9. villain

10. of all time

a. ever

b. genius

c. liaison

d. frightening

e. mixes

f. catch

g. first

h. categories

i. artistically

j. bad guy

#### PHRASE MATCH

1. blends elements of both the crime

2 It is based on the 1988 novel

3. a young FBI trainee

4. apprehend another serial

5. the start of a chilling

6. win Oscars in all top

7. "culturally, historically or aesthetically"

8. the "terrifying qualities"

9. the original poster

10. the number one film

a. played by Jodie Foster

b. killer

c. five categories

d. significant

e. villain ever

f. and horror genres

g. for the movie

h. relationship

i. of the same name

j. of Hannibal Lecter

# ■ LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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was directed by Jonathan Demme and stars Jodie Foster and
Anthony Hopkins. (2) 1988 novel of
the same name by Thomas Harris. The movie centres on Dr
Hannibal Lecter, (3) cannibalistic serial
killer. In the film, Clarice Starling, a young FBI trainee played by
Jodie Foster, (4) the imprisoned Dr.
Lecter to apprehend another serial killer, known only as "Buffalo
Bill". Events lead to Lecter escaping (5),
which sees the start of (6) between
Starling and Lecter.
The Silence of the Lambs (7) win
Oscars in all top five categories: Best Picture, Best Actress, Best
Actor, Best Director and (8) It is also
the first horror film to win Best Picture. The film is considered
"culturally, historically or aesthetically" significant by the US
Library of Congress. One critic (9)
qualities" of Hannibal Lecter. In 2006, the original poster for the
movie was (10) "of the past 35 years".
The (11) Bravo's 100 Scariest Movie
Moments, and the American Film Institute named Hannibal Lecter
as the number (12), and Clarice as the
sixth greatest film hero of all time.

## CORRECT THE SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

- 1. dnbsel elements of both the crime and horror genres
- 2. a <u>Inbtriail</u> psychiatrist
- 3. a young FBI <u>trienae</u>
- 4. esiral killer
- 5. anegscip from the authorities
- 6. the start of a <u>lilhcngi</u> relationship

## Paragraph 2

- 7. win Oscars in all top five <u>oageicrtes</u>
- 8. Best Adapted carleSnype
- 9. One critic mentioned the "terrifying aiqeisltu"
- 10. the <u>ilaoignr</u> poster for the movie
- 11. 100 istcesra movie moments
- 12. the number one film anivill



## **PUNCTUATE & PUT CAPITALS IN THE TEXT**

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# INSERT THE VOWELS (a,e,i,o,u)

From: http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/the\_silence\_of\_the\_lambs.html

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## MARK THE SPACES

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions) STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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1. 2. 3.	DENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

# **☐** THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about The Silence of the Lambs in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1	STUDENT 2	STUDENT 3
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



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## HOMEWORK

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about "The Silence of the Lambs". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about "The Silence of the Lambs". What are (did) critics and moviegoers saying (say) about it? How good were the actors' performances? What was good and bad about the movie? Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **4. "THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS" POSTER:** Make a poster about "The Silence of the Lambs". Make sure you put tag lines, audience and critics' reviews, why people should see it, etc. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.
- **5. MY PREQUEL / SEQUEL:** Make your own prequel or sequel for "The Silence of the Lambs". Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.
- **6. CHARACTER STORY:** Choose one of the characters from the movie. Imagine you are that character. Write your story about what you did in the movie. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback.
- **7. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, Twitter stream, or any other social media tool to get opinions on "The Silence of the Lambs". Share your findings with the class.

# ■ ANSWERS

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## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Please check for yourself by looking at the movie review on page 2. (It's good for your English ;-)

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