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THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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It's a Wonderful Life is an American Christmas drama film produced and directed by Frank Capra. It was based on the short story "The Greatest Gift", written by Philip Van Doren Stern. The movie was released in 1946 and stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a man whose imminent suicide on Christmas Eve brings about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers). Clarence shows George all the lives he has touched and how different life in his community would be had he never been born. *It's a Wonderful Life* was nominated for five Oscars without winning any. The American Film Institute placed it number one on its list of the most inspirational American films of all time.

It's a Wonderful Life was initially considered a box office flop due to high production costs and stiff competition. However, the film has come to be regarded as a classic and is a staple of Christmas television around the world. *Time* magazine said, "*It's a Wonderful Life* is a pretty wonderful movie....Director Capra's inventiveness, humor and affection for human beings keep it glowing with life and excitement." In 1990, the movie was deemed "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the United States Library of Congress and selected for preservation in their National Film Registry. In 2002, Britain's Channel 4 ranked *It's a Wonderful Life* as the seventh greatest film ever made.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/It%27s_a_Wonderful_Life





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 www.wikipedia.com or www.imbd.com - 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 <http://www.youtube.com>

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. released | a. involvement |
| 2. imminent | b. masterpiece |
| 3. intervention | c. motivational |
| 4. touched | d. regarded as |
| 5. inspirational | e. brought out |
| 6. considered | f. affected |
| 7. flop | g. important |
| 8. classic | h. fast approaching |
| 9. significant | i. rated |
| 10. ranked | j. failure |

PHRASE MATCH

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It was based | a. for five Oscars |
| 2. guardian | b. flop |
| 3. all the lives | c. inspirational |
| 4. nominated | d. production costs |
| 5. the most | e. angel |
| 6. initially considered a box office | f. for human beings |
| 7. high | g. on the short story |
| 8. stiff | h. significant |
| 9. affection | i. he has touched |
| 10. aesthetically | j. competition |





LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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It's a Wonderful Life is an American Christmas drama film (1) _____ Frank Capra. It was based on the short story "The Greatest Gift", written by Philip Van Doren Stern. (2) _____ 1946 and stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a (3) _____ on Christmas Eve brings about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers). Clarence shows George all (4) _____ and how different life in his community would be (5) _____. *It's a Wonderful Life* was nominated for five Oscars without winning any. The American Film Institute (6) _____ its list of the most inspirational American films of all time.

It's a Wonderful Life was initially (7) _____ due to high production costs and stiff competition. However, the film has (8) _____ a classic and is a staple of Christmas television around the world. *Time* magazine said, "*It's a Wonderful Life* (9) _____Director Capra's inventiveness, humor and affection for human (10) _____ life and excitement." In 1990, the movie was deemed "(11) _____ significant" by the United States Library of Congress and selected for (12) _____ Film Registry. In 2002, Britain's Channel 4 ranked *It's a Wonderful Life* as the seventh greatest film ever made.





CORRECT THE SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

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Paragraph 2

7. iialyltni considered a box office flop
8. stiff imoopecttin
9. a ltsape of Christmas television
10. nocietaff for human beings
11. aesthetically gninitafisc
12. etlecesd for preservation





PUNCTUATE & PUT CAPITALS IN THE TEXT

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

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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)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
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4. _____
5. _____
6. _____





IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about It's A Wonderful Life 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.



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 "It's A Wonderful Life". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about "It's A Wonderful Life". 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. "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" POSTER: Make a poster about "It's A Wonderful Life". 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 "It's A Wonderful Life". 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 "It's A Wonderful Life". Share your findings with the class.





ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH

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| 10. ranked | j. rated |

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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