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THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forrest_gump





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. epic | a. earning |
| 2. naïve | b. won |
| 3. breathtaking | c. totally |
| 4. magical | d. fake |
| 5. thoroughly | e. blockbuster |
| 6. grossing | f. enthuses about |
| 7. adapted | g. enchanting |
| 8. scooped | h. innocent |
| 9. artificial | i. awesome |
| 10. raves | j. refashioned |

PHRASE MATCH

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. a 1994 epic comedy-drama | a. slow-witted |
| 2. based on the 1986 novel | b. of pop melodrama |
| 3. naïve and | c. between comedy and sadness |
| 4. a breathtaking balancing act | d. of the same name |
| 5. I hated it | e. box of chocolates |
| 6. the top | f. dozens more awards |
| 7. It also scooped | g. romance film |
| 8. You never know what | h. grossing film |
| 9. an artificial piece | i. thoroughly |
| 10. it's as sweet as a | j. you're gonna get |





LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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Forrest Gump was the (7) _____ North America released in 1994. It won the Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, (8) _____, Best Visual Effects and Best Film Editing. It also scooped dozens more awards. The line: "Mama always said (9) _____ of chocolates. You never know what (10) _____," was ranked 40th on the "100 Years..." list of the greatest 100 Movie Quotes. "Entertainment Weekly," writing in 2004, said many people see the movie "as (11) _____ pop melodrama, while (12) _____ that it's as sweet as a box of chocolates." In December 2011, *Forrest Gump* was selected for preservation in the Library of Congress' National Film Registry.





CORRECT THE SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

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3. the traelt half of the 20th century
4. a breathtaking alngnciab act
5. a lamicag movie
6. I hated it hrologtyuh

Paragraph 2

7. the top sngorgsi film
8. Best atAedpd Screenplay
9. It also cpdeoos dozens more awards
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11. an tfaiialcrl piece of pop melodrama
12. esletdce for preservation





PUNCTUATE & PUT CAPITALS IN THE TEXT

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

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F_rr_st G_mp _s _ 1994 _p_c c_m_dy-dr_m_ r_m_nc_ f_lm. _t w_s b_s_d _n th_ 1986 n_v_l _f th_ s_m_ n_m_ by W_nst_n Gr__m. Th_ f_lm w_s d_r_ct_d by R_b_rt Z_m_ck_s _nd st_rr_d T_m H_nks. Th_ st_ry p_rtr_ys s_v_r_l_d_c_d_s _n th_ l_f_ _f *F_rr_st G_mp*, _n_iv_ _nd sl_w-w_tt_d n_t_v_ _f_l_b_m_. Th_ f_lm sh_ws h_w h_w_tn_ss_s, _nd _n_s_m_c_s_s ch_ng_s, s_m_ _f th_ m_st _mp_r_t_nt _v_nts _f th_ l_ttr_h_lf _f th_ 20th c_nt_ry. _n_ cr_t_c_l_v_d th_ f_lm _nd wr_t_: "H_nks' p_rf_rm_nc_ _s _ br__tht_k_ng b_l_nc_ng _ct b_tw__n c_m_dy _nd s_dn_ss, _n_ st_ry r_ch _n b_g l__ghs _nd q__t tr_ths....wh_t _m_g_c_l m_v__." _n th_r f_lm cr_t_c, P__l_n_ K__l, st_t_d: "_ h_t_d _t th_r__ghly."

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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. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____





FORREST GUMP SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Forrest Gump 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 "Forrest Gump". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about "Forrest Gump". 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. "FORREST GUMP" POSTER: Make a poster about "Forrest Gump". 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 "Forrest Gump". 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 "Forrest Gump". Share your findings with the class.





ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH

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| 7. adapted | g. refashioned |
| 8. scooped | h. won |
| 9. artificial | i. fake |
| 10. raves | j. enthuses about |

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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