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# THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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The film was only the second to win all five major Academy Awards (Best Picture, Actor in Lead Role, Actress in Lead Role, Director, and Screenplay). It received generally positive reviews from critics. One claimed that "*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is a film so good in so many of its parts that there's a temptation to forgive it when it goes wrong." The film is considered to be one of the greatest American films. In 1993, the United States Library of Congress said it was "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant". The film was shown in Swedish cinemas for nearly 11 years – between 1976 and 1987 – which is a record. When Miloš Forman learned that, he said, "I'm absolutely thrilled by that... It's wonderful."

Source:

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# 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](http://www.wikipedia.com) or [www.imbd.com](http://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. transferred   | a. overall      |
| 2. evaluation    | b. delighted    |
| 3. forces        | c. intelligence |
| 4. calm          | d. important    |
| 5. wits          | e. testing      |
| 6. major         | f. artistically |
| 7. generally     | g. relaxed      |
| 8. critic        | h. moved        |
| 9. aesthetically | i. bullies      |
| 10. thrilled     | j. reviewer     |

## PHRASE MATCH

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. based on the 1962 novel  | a. the super-tough nurse |
| 2. he hopes to avoid hard   | b. positive reviews      |
| 3. he comes up against      | c. of wits               |
| 4. a mind-numbing,          | d. by that               |
| 5. battle                   | e. significant           |
| 6. It received generally    | f. labour                |
| 7. there's a temptation     | g. of the same name      |
| 8. considered to be         | h. to forgive it         |
| 9. aesthetically            | i. boring daily routine  |
| 10. I'm absolutely thrilled | j. one of the greatest   |





## LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is a 1975 American drama film directed by Miloš Forman. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ 1962 novel of the same name by Ken Kesey. The movie stars Jack Nicholson, who plays Randle, a prisoner (2) \_\_\_\_\_ from prison to a mental (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Although he does not show any signs of mental illness, he hopes to avoid hard labour and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ sentence in a more relaxed hospital environment. However, he comes up against the super-tough nurse Mildred Ratched. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and forces them into a mind-numbing, boring daily routine to keep the patients calm and quiet. The movie is about the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ McMurphy and the nurse.

The film was only the second (7) \_\_\_\_\_ major Academy Awards (Best Picture, Actor in Lead Role, Actress in Lead Role, Director, and Screenplay). It received generally positive (8) \_\_\_\_\_. One claimed that "*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* is a film (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of its parts that there's a temptation to forgive it when it goes wrong." The film is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the greatest American films. In 1993, the United States Library of Congress said it was "culturally, historically, (11) \_\_\_\_\_". The film was shown in Swedish cinemas for nearly 11 years – between 1976 and 1987 – which is a record. When Miloš Forman learned that, he said, "I'm (12) \_\_\_\_\_ that... It's wonderful."





# CORRECT THE SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

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4. the super-hugto nurse Mildred Ratched
5. a mind-ungibmn, boring daily routine
6. the tbtlae of wits

## Paragraph 2

7. the second to win all five oarmj Academy Awards
8. It received generally positive srveiew
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10. The film is cnsrddeieo to be one of the greatest
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12. I'm absolutely derlilht by that





# 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. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_





# ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest 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.





# **WRITING**

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**Write your own movie review. Show your partner your letter. Correct each other's work.**

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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 "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". 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. "ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST" POSTER:** Make a poster about "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". 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 "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". 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 "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest". Share your findings with the class.





# ANSWERS

## SYNONYM MATCH

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
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| 9. aesthetically | i. artistically |
| 10. thrilled     | j. delighted    |

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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

## CREATIVE COMMONS

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