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THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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The Dark Knight was nominated for eight Academy Awards for the 81st Ceremony, breaking the record for the most nominations received by a film based on a comic book, comic strip, or graphic novel. It won two awards: Best Supporting Actor for Heath Ledger and Best Sound Editing. Ledger's win marked the first win in any of the major Oscar categories (producing, directing, acting, or writing) for a superhero-based film. He also did a near complete sweep of over twenty acting awards for his role. Some months after Ledger had completed filming on *The Dark Knight* and six months before the film's release, he died from a toxic combination of prescription drugs. He was one of film's most promising young actors.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Dark_Knight_%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 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. series | a. most important |
| 2. sequel | b. part |
| 3. role | c. serial |
| 4. combating | d. best performance |
| 5. threat | e. follow-up |
| 6. record | f. deadly |
| 7. major | g. danger |
| 8. categories | h. up-and-coming |
| 9. toxic | i. fighting |
| 10. promising | j. groups |

PHRASE MATCH

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. based on | a. elected District Attorney |
| 2. Bale once again | b. major Oscar categories |
| 3. Gotham's newly | c. rising threat |
| 4. combating the new | d. Academy Awards |
| 5. a criminal styling " | e. strip |
| 6. nominated for eight | f. promising young actors |
| 7. comic | g. himself the "Joker |
| 8. the first win in any of the | h. sweep |
| 9. did a near complete | i. the DC Comics character |
| 10. one of film's most | j. plays the lead role |





LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

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The Dark Knight (7) _____ eight Academy Awards for the 81st Ceremony, breaking the record for the most nominations received (8) _____ on a comic book, comic strip, or graphic novel. It won two awards: Best Supporting Actor for Heath Ledger and Best Sound Editing. Ledger's win (9) _____ in any of the major Oscar categories (producing, directing, acting, or writing) for a superhero-based film. He also did a (10) _____ of over twenty acting awards for his role. Some months after Ledger had completed filming on *The Dark Knight* and six months before (11) _____, he died from a toxic combination of prescription drugs. He was one of (12) _____ young actors.





CORRECT THE SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a 2008 rroshepue film
2. a ulseeq to 2005's Batman Begins
3. a nnregtriu cast
4. introduces the eraccrtha of Harvey Dent
5. combating the new rising attrhe
6. a criminal nlitygs himself as the "Joker"

Paragraph 2

7. naeoidnm for eight Academy Awards
8. higprac novel
9. the major Oscar goisrectea
10. a near complete spewe of over twenty acting awards
11. he died from a cixot combination of prescription drugs
12. one of film's most irmonsigp young actors





PUNCTUATE & PUT CAPITALS IN THE TEXT

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the dark knight is a 2008 superhero film directed produced and co-written by christopher nolan it is based on the dc comics character batman the film is part of nolan's batman film series and a sequel to 2005's *batman begins* christian bale once again plays the lead role of bruce wayne/batman with a returning cast of michael caine as alfred pennyworth gary oldman as james gordon and morgan freeman as lucius fox the film introduces the character of harvey dent gotham's newly elected district attorney and bruce wayne's childhood friend rachel dawes who joins batman and the police in combating the new rising threat of a criminal styling himself as the "joker" (played by heath ledger)

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

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 L_c__s F_x. Th_ f_lm _ntr_d_c_s th_ ch_r_ct_r _f
 H_rv_y D_nt, G_th_m's n_wly _l_ct_d D_str_ct
 _tt_rn_y, _nd Br_c_ W_yn_'s ch_ldh__d fr__nd R_ch_l
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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. _____





THE DARK KNIGHT SURVEY

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

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about "The Dark Knight ". 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 DARK KNIGHT" POSTER: Make a poster about "The Dark Knight ". 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 Dark Knight ". 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 Dark Knight ". Share your findings with the class.





ANSWERS

SYNONYM MATCH

- | | |
|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. series | a. serial |
| 2. sequel | b. follow-up |
| 3. role | c. part |
| 4. combating | d. fighting |
| 5. threat | e. danger |
| 6. record | f. best performance |
| 7. major | g. most important |
| 8. categories | h. groups |
| 9. toxic | i. deadly |
| 10. promising | j. up-and-coming |

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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