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# THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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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 film 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).

The official trailer: <http://youtu.be/TvRCQM2HrXs>

**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. loosely    | a. promise        |
| 2. stars      | b. crosses        |
| 3. outbreak   | c. features       |
| 4. traverses  | d. revised        |
| 5. decimate   | e. classification |
| 6. re-written | f. roughly        |
| 7. guarantee  | g. flop           |
| 8. rating     | h. pandemic       |
| 9. recover    | i. destroy        |
| 10. disaster  | j. get back       |

## PHRASE MATCH

- |                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. It is loosely based on        | a. humanity                       |
| 2. threatening the survival      | b. re-written so much             |
| 3. traverses the world in a race | c. rights                         |
| 4. threatening to decimate       | d. as a horror film               |
| 5. bought the movie              | e. of the human race              |
| 6. his work has been             | f. a million changes              |
| 7. it was going to go through    | g. \$400 million production costs |
| 8. the movie was advertised      | h. the best-selling novel         |
| 9. unable to recover its         | i. disaster of all time           |
| 10. the most expensive           | j. against time                   |





## LISTENING / READING GAP FILL

From: [http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/world\\_war\\_z.html](http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/world_war_z.html)

*World War Z* is a zombie horror film about (1) \_\_\_\_\_ world. It is loosely based on the best-selling (2) \_\_\_\_\_ written by Max Brooks. The movie stars Brad Pitt as Gerry Lane, a worker at the United Nations who searches the world for information that can stop the zombie outbreak that is threatening the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ race. The official website says: "United Nations employee Gerry Lane traverses the world in a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ stop the Zombie pandemic that is toppling armies and governments, and threatening to decimate humanity itself." Brad Pitt's (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Plan B Entertainment bought the movie (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2007. Filming began in 2011 in Malta, Glasgow and Budapest.

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# CORRECT THE SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

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2. stop the zombie oebutkar
3. the vaulrvsi of the human race
4. Gerry Lane esartvsre the world
5. decimate tuhyainm itself
6. bought the movie grtish

## Paragraph 2

7. Writer of the ionlriga book
8. go orhhugt a million changes
9. I cannot nagtureae that
10. given a 13-PG (parental cneugiad)
11. \$400 million uontropcdi costs
12. the most expensive isdteras





# PUNCTUATE & PUT CAPITALS IN THE TEXT

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writer of the original book max brooks said his work has been re-written so much that the movie and novel are now the same in name only brooks said "i knew they were going to rewrite it i grew up in hollywood i knew it was going to go through a million changes" he told moviegoers "i cannot guarantee that the movie will be the book that they love" many critics questioned why the movie was advertised as a horror film when it was given a 13-pg (parental guidance) rating there was also much talk about the movie being unable to recover its \$400 million production costs britain's 'guardian' newspaper examined whether pitt was "making the most expensive disaster of all time" while the film was being made





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

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 w\_s b\_\_ng m\_d\_.





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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. \_\_\_\_\_





# WORLD WAR Z SURVEY

From: [http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/world\\_war\\_z.html](http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/world_war_z.html)

Write five GOOD questions about *World War Z* 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 "World War Z". Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about "World War Z". 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. "WORLD WAR Z" POSTER:** Make a poster about "World War Z". 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 "World War Z". 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 "World War Z". Share your findings with the class.





# ANSWERS

## SYNONYM MATCH

- |               |                   |
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| 8. rating     | h. classification |
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| 10. disaster  | j. flop           |

## 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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