

STORY PAUL - Improve Your English With Movies

Why movies?

Movies (and television series) provide language learners with two powerful resources. Authentic language and a story that serves as a memory tool.

What's the best way to exploit movies for language learning?

Choose a short movie clip. It may be a single scene or a movie trailer.

What kind of material should I choose?

At first, choose movies, genres or actors and actresses you are familiar with. Then expand to new horizons.

What can I learn from watching and studying movie scenes?

- You can get a very good understanding and feeling for natural speaking patterns.
- You can also pick up phrasal verbs and idiomatic expressions in context.
- It's also a great way to hear the wide range of English accents and registers out there.

Should I worry if I don't understand every single word?

No, that's not really the point. Relax. Try not to think about the words themselves. Pay attention to situation, the mood of the character, his or her attitude and how others react to it. Your brain will still capture chunks of language and meaning. That's what matters most.

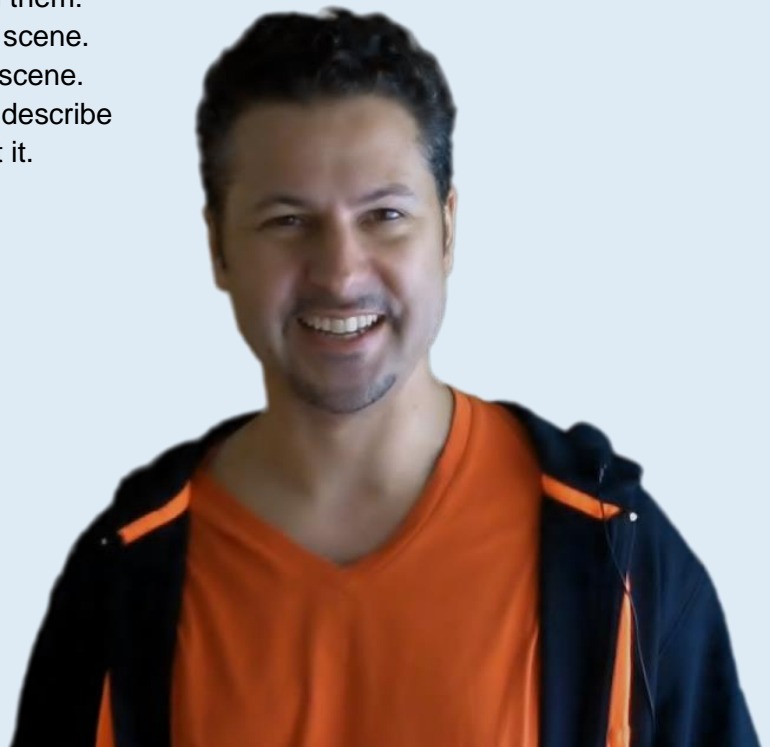
What else can I do aside from watching, listening and picking out vocabulary?

You can role play it with your teacher, a friend or a like-minded learner. Have fun and if you can, switch roles. You can record it and watch it later. Remember. Having fun is the key. Don't judge yourself. You are learning.

Can I do anything else?

You can do post-viewing activities. Among them:

- Tell someone what happens in the scene.
- Discuss the conflict or issue in the scene.
- Pretend you are the character and describe what just happened. Or write about it.



RESOURCES

MovieClips is a channel on YouTube with scenes from many different movies provided by the production companies.



YouTube MovieClips Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/movieclips>

YouTube MovieClips Channel Playlist

<https://www.youtube.com/user/movieclips/playlists>

YouTube MovieClips Channel Iconic Movie Lines

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL86SiVwkw_oc8r_X6PL6VqcQ7FTX4923M

YouTube MovieClips Channel Epic Moments

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL86SiVwkw_ocu95oyO1nmuGhN7axzUKo9

YouTube MovieClips Channel Example Clip

“Erin Brockovich” (Lame-Ass Offer Scene)

IMDb: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0195685/?ref=mv_sr_1

Clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGX4nMrnxg0>

Script: http://www.dailyscript.com/scripts/erin-brockovich_shooting.html

YouTube MovieClips Channel Example Clip

“Rocky Balboa” (How Winning is Done Speech Scene)

IMDb: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0479143/?ref=mv_sr_1

Clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrmQqEq4isU>

Script: <http://www.dailyscript.com/scripts/ROCKY.pdf>

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YouTube MovieClips Channel Example Clip

“The Matrix” (Blue Pill / Red Pill Scene)

IMDb: http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0133093/?ref=mv_sr_1

Clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zE7PKRjrid4>

Script: http://www.dailyscript.com/scripts/the_matrix.pdf

Scene: pg. 28

Where to Find Movie Scripts:

<https://www.nyfa.edu/student-resources/10-great-websites-download-movie-scripts/>

English Attack

A great online resource to learn with Movie Scenes that provides ready-made lessons and games

www.english-attack.com

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