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# THE LISTENING / READING SCRIPT

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*Forrest Gump* was the top grossing film in North America released in 1994. It won the Academy Awards for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Visual Effects and Best Film Editing. It also scooped dozens more awards. The line: "Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get," 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 an artificial piece of pop melodrama, while everyone else raves 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.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forrest\\_gump](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Forrest_gump)





# TRAILER AND POSTER

From: [http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/forrest\\_gump.html](http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/forrest_gump.html)

## 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. 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

From: [http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/forrest\\_gump.html](http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/forrest_gump.html)

*Forrest Gump* is a 1994 (1) \_\_\_\_\_ romance film. It was based on the 1986 novel of the same name by Winston Groom. The film was directed by Robert Zemeckis and starred Tom Hanks. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ decades in the life of Forrest Gump, a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ native of Alabama. The film shows how he witnesses, and in some cases changes, some of the most important events (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the 20th century. One critic loved the film and wrote: "Hanks' performance is a breathtaking (5) \_\_\_\_\_ comedy and sadness, in a story rich in big laughs and quiet truths....what a magical movie." Another film critic, Pauline Kael, stated: "I (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

*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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2. The film was dcedeitr by Robert Zemeckis
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
10. aenrkd 40th
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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# 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

From: [http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/forrest\\_gump.html](http://www.LessonsOnMovies.com/forrest_gump.html)

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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## 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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