

teachers have the necessary skills and techniques to use innovative technologies. To improve the situation, it would be expedient to create conditions for teachers to acquire necessary skills for work in the modern innovative educational environment.

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## **HOW TO LEARN ENGLISH WITH MOVIES**

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Watching films is an excellent way to improve your English! In this thesis, I will demonstrate you 10 (from my view-point) of the best movies for studying English and give you advice and resources to help you learn English through films. Ready? Lights, camera, action! Why learn English with films? Watching films is a lot more fun than studying with a textbook! It can also be just as useful. Here is why sitting down with a movie in English will improve your fluency.

Authentic English. Textbooks and fiction are good for learning vocabulary or grammar, but nothing is better than listening to real native English. By watching British and American films, you can listen to native English actors speaking the language in a natural way. This will help you learn modern English and improve in terms of vocabulary and style. Better pronunciation. Sometimes it can be hard to know how an English word is pronounced. Hearing native speakers in films will teach you the correct way to say things. Dialogues in films also provide good examples of how sounds in words change in connected speech.

Live context. When you learn a word, it can be difficult to remember what it means or how to use it. In films, words are used as part of a story and this context helps you to learn and remember them more effectively. Native accents – Across Britain and America there are many different accents used to speak English. When watching films, you will hear many regional accents being used and this will help you to understand them better. Textbooks seldom provide information about English accents.

Explore culture. You can learn about the culture behind the language when you watch movies in English. Language and culture are closely connected. Why not study both at the same time by watching original films?

When you are watching a film in English, it is a good idea to turn the captions on. If you really like a movie, perhaps try watching it once with subtitles and then again without. Avoid subtitles in your own language. Top 10 best films for learning English:

**1. Forrest Gump (1994)** Starring: Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise and Sally Field. Why this is a great movie to learn English: This is a perfect movie to learn English as the speech is slow due to Forrest Gump's mental problems. The language is simple and uncomplicated and it's really easy to follow. It will also teach you some important parts of U.S. history and culture. You'll learn about the United States's involvement in the Vietnam War and the popular hippy movement in the '60s. This is a favourite movie among many people around the world and if you ever get into a conversation where you're discussing movies, this is a great one to talk about as almost everyone has seen it. **Favourite quote:** Forrest Gump to a stranger at the bus stop: "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get."

**2. Scarface (1983)** Starring: Al Pacino, Michelle Marie Pfeiffer and Steven Bauer. It is a remake of the 1932 film and tells the story of Cuban refugee Tony Montana (Al Pacino) who arrives in 1980s Miami with nothing and rises to become a powerful drug lord. Why this is an excellent movie to learn English: It's a good choice. The language of main character Tony Montana is slow, because of his Cuban origin, that is why it is easy to understand. It's a little surprising that the story of a vicious drug dealer could teach a lesson about sticking to your values – but Tony Montana was a man of his word. Favourite quote: "Say hello to my little friend!"(Montana's gun).

**3. The Shawshank Redemption (1994).** If you want to watch a classic film in English, try The Shawshank Redemption. Many people see it as one of the best films ever made and it is famous for its "twist ending" (unexpected finale). The Shawshank Redemption is based on a book by Stephen King, and it tells the story of a white, educated man who has been sentenced to life in prison for murder. Over twenty years, he makes friends with a black prisoner called Red, who is played by Morgan Freeman. This movie also uses a lot of American slang. In this extract, Red calls a prison official 'sonny'. This is an informal word for 'son', but can be used to address a person when you are underlining your superior age (and wisdom) or when looking down on them.

**4. Pirates of the Caribbean.** Who's never heard of Captain Jack Sparrow? The Disney movie series were very successful worldwide and Johnny Depp was simply amazing! Watch the movies series was very good for you to practice your listening skills as the movies were played with lots of actors and actresses from all over the world. You can take this chance to learn different accents as well!

**5. Da Vinci Code.** The Da Vinci Code is a 2006 American mystery thriller film directed by Ron Howard, and based on Dan Brown's 2003 best-selling novel of the same name. Tom Hanks was the leading actor and the film

was shot in Paris and London. The movie started with a murder in Louvre Museum and Tom Hanks needed to solve the puzzles from Leonardo da Vinci's paintings in order to find out the truth. It is certainly a good movie and you can learn a lot of English phrases about religion, art and culture.

**6. Jurassic Park (1993).** Jurassic Park is great for anyone trying to learn a professional, dynamic and more complex vocabulary. The presence of scientists, historians and archeologists produce a solid experience for the advanced English learner.

**7. Trainspotting (1996).** At the top of our British Film list we have a highly visceral look into the daily life of a group of young Edinburghers as they struggle with their addiction. A cult film adaption of a novel by Irvine Welsh, *Trainspotting* features the language of youngsters, often abrasive slang, British and Scottish accents, and drug and addiction based vocabulary. This film is one of the greats, even though it may be difficult to follow without subtitles. If you hadn't gathered it from the trailer, the dialogue is very fast.

**8. Pulp Fiction (1994).** Pulp Fiction is a 'Tarantino movie', which means it was directed by Quentin Tarantino – one of the most famous directors of all time. His films are loved for being creative, unusual and violent. Pulp Fiction follows the stories of several criminals in America, from the view of the criminals themselves. Many consider this film to be a modern cinematic masterpiece. It is also a good film to improve your English because it has many funny and interesting dialogues between its characters. Try watching this movie with subtitles, pause it from time to time and write down any new slang expressions you find!

**9. The Theory of Everything (2014).** The Theory of Everything is a 'biopic', which means it tells the true story of somebody's life, usually someone famous. This English movie tells the story of Stephen Hawking, one of the most famous scientists in the world. It focuses on his relationship with Jane Wilde and his illness, which paralysed him. Being 'paralysed' means Hawking cannot walk and is in a wheelchair. One reason why The Theory of Everything is a good film to help you learn English is that its characters have very clear British accents. Parts of the movie are set at Cambridge University, one of the most well-known academic institutions in England. Many of the characters speak 'the Queen's'. This means upper-class or "posh" English, which is clear and correct.

**10. The Submarine (2010).** Submarine is an independent film, which means it was not made in a big film studio. Movies like this are sometimes called 'indie films'. This one was a very successful independent film and won several awards. The Submarine is a "coming-of-age" film set in Wales, which means it is a movie about teens growing up. This is a good film to watch if you want to hear different regional accents in English.

The main character, Oliver Tate, is 15 years old and the movie shows him struggling to grow up. It is a very funny film, which also deals with adult themes such as love and sickness.

Learn English with short films. If sitting through a full movie in English seems too difficult, then it might be a good idea for you to start by watching short films. There are many short films in English, which can range from just a few minutes long to about half an hour. There are also many short films on YouTube. To find them, try searching for a phrase like: ‘short films in English’.

Try watching *Alone* – a short film that has won awards for Best Cinematography. This piece is just six minutes long and only has one character. This means that it is simple and quite easy to understand for anyone learning English.

*Alone* is a post-apocalyptic film. This means that it is about the world after the end of our civilisation. There is only one person left on Earth, and this film follows him while he speaks about what it is like to be the “sole survivor”. You can see from the extract that this film does not use complex language. It is good for remembering everyday English words, such as ‘working’ and ‘laughing’. The phrase ‘before it all went to hell’ is American slang, meaning ‘before everything went wrong’.

Talking about movies in English can be confusing. For one thing, there are different words for every type of movie! Here are some of the genres of films in English:

<b>Film genre</b>	<b>What it means?</b>	<b>Examples</b>
Rom-com	‘Romantic comedy’	There’s Something About Mary, Just Go With It
‘Whodunnit’	Short for ‘who has done it?’ These films are about a crime, and the audience has to try to guess who did the crime	Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie
Sci-fi	‘Science fiction’ – films about robots, aliens or the future	Star Wars, Star Trek
Horror	Movies that are scary	Dracula, Frankenstein, It
Action	Films with lots of action – about heroes, guns and adventure	Die Hard, Taken, The Dark Knight
Comedy	Movies that try to make you laugh	Anchorman, Airplane!, Hot Fuzz
Documentary	Films that investigate something in real life	The March of the Penguins, Grizzly Man
Mockumentary	A mock or joke documentary. This is like a documentary, but it is about something that does not really exist.	Spinal Tap, Borat
Animation	Cartoon films	<i>Toy Story, The Lion King</i>

As well as different types of films, which are called genres, there are some other words that are often used to talk about movies. Here are a few of the most common, with examples:

Cast – all of the actors and actresses in a film

‘Harry Potter had a really good cast.’

Character – one of the people in a film ‘Hermione was my favourite character in Harry Potter.’

Plot/Storyline – the story of a film ‘Shawshank Redemption has a brilliant plot!’

Scene – a small part of a film with one location and one group of characters ‘My favourite scene from Pulp Fiction is the one in the diner.’

Cinema (slang: the pictures) – a place you go to watch movies ‘on the big screen’ ‘Do you fancy going to the cinema/pictures tonight?’

Cheesy/corny – describes a film that is clichéd, too predictable or in poor taste ‘Jaws is just a cheesy film with a rubber shark!’

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## **APPLICATION OF THE CASE STUDY METHOD IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS**

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Reforming of the higher education system arouses great interest among university teachers in active and interactive teaching methods and technologies. Such training technologies help to develop professional competencies, as in the context of the transition to a new generation of educational standards, the main thing is the development of the person, his competitiveness and professional mobility. Along with traditional teaching methods, active and interactive teaching technologies are of particular relevance.

Case-study is an interactive pedagogical technology in the field of higher education. It takes into account the specifics of the studied disciplines and contributes to the development of all necessary general cultural and professional competencies. The implementation of such a technology is aimed at solving vital problems based on actual circumstances. Educational and cognitive activity, based on the active use of case-study technology, promotes the formation of