

1 True Spirit English Class

Unit 2: A Movie Review

<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
<p>Go see this movie!</p>	<p>You've got to see this movie!</p>	<p>This is a must-see movie!</p>
<p>The movie is called <i>The Biggest Mistake</i>. It is about a man. He's not a bad man, but he's not a great man, either. The man has a very interesting choice. It is strange. He can fix one of his mistakes. He thinks about all of them. He made mistakes as a child. He made mistakes as a teenager. He made mistakes as a young man and a middle-aged man. What mistake should he fix? Will fixing the mistake be his biggest mistake of all? One minute, the movie will make you laugh. One minute later, it will make you cry.</p> <p><u>Vocabulary:</u> mistake – when you do something wrong choice – something you choose fix – to correct something; to make it right teenager – a person aged 13-19</p>	<p>The movie <i>The Biggest Mistake</i> is about your average man. He finds himself in an amazing situation. He is mysteriously given the opportunity to fix any mistake in his life that he chooses. As he thinks back on his life as a child, a teenager, a young adult, and finally a middle-aged man, he struggles with what may be the most important decision of his life. What mistake should he fix, and what if fixing the mistake ends up being his greatest mistake ever? You will find yourself laughing one moment and crying the next.</p> <p><u>Vocabulary:</u> average – not great, not bad situation – what is happening now mysteriously – when it is not known how or why opportunity – chance struggle – fight with self decision – something chosen to do</p>	<p>In the movie, <i>The Biggest Mistake</i>, an ordinary man finds himself in an extraordinary situation where life gives him the opportunity to choose and correct any one of his mistakes of the past. As he ponders on his numerous blunders in childhood, in his teen years, and in his young adult and middle-aged life, he struggles with what might be the most momentous decision he will ever have to make. However, will fixing what he perceives to be his biggest mistake turn out to be an even bigger one? The movie stirs the heart evoking every emotion as it elicits laughs one moment and tears the next.</p> <p><u>Vocabulary:</u> ordinary – average, normal extraordinary – unusual ponder – to think for a long time numerous – many perceive – to see evoke – bring out, produce elicit – bring out</p>

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Sample Conversation

<p>A: That was a good movie! I laughed and cried!</p> <p>B: I didn't like it so much.</p> <p>A: I liked the acting. The story was very good. Why didn't you like it?</p> <p>B: It was about mistakes. Now, I'm thinking about my mistakes!</p> <p>A: Well, did you understand the movie's point?</p> <p>B: I think I did. Mistakes are not always a bad thing. Good things might come after them.</p> <p>A: That's right. If we don't make mistakes, we won't learn anything.</p> <p>B: Wow! I made so many mistakes! I must be very smart now!</p>	<p>A: That was an excellent movie! It made me laugh and cry!</p> <p>B: I didn't especially like it.</p> <p>A: I thought the acting was great, and it had an interesting plot. What turned you off?</p> <p>B: The movie focused on mistakes, and now, that's all I can think about—MY mistakes!</p> <p>A: Well, didn't you get the message?</p> <p>B: I guess so. Mistakes may seem bad at first, but then they may lead to some of the most important and cherished events in your life.</p> <p>A: Yes. We won't learn a thing unless we make some mistakes now and then.</p> <p>B. Wow! I made so many mistakes, so I must be very smart now!</p>	<p>A: That movie was superb in every way. It really brought out my emotions.</p> <p>B: I didn't particularly like it.</p> <p>A: I thought the acting was brilliant, and the plot captured my attention all the way through. What was it about the movie you didn't like?</p> <p>B: The movie was almost entirely focused on making poor judgement and continual mistakes, which only succeeded in making me think about my past mistakes!</p> <p>A: Well, I'm sure you must have understood the basic theme, didn't you?</p> <p>B: I suppose so. Mistakes may appear to be horrendous problems for a time, but the lessons learned may make possible some of the most significant and precious moments in your life.</p> <p>A: Absolutely. It's quite impossible to learn anything unless we are willing to make a few mistakes.</p> <p>B. Wow! I've made so many mistakes that I must be quite smart by now!</p>
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Useful phrases for further conversation:		
<p>Did you see the movie _____?</p> <p>No, is it still playing?</p> <p>Yes, I liked _____ (the _____ scene, it when).</p>	<p>Have you seen the movie _____?</p> <p>No, is it still at the theaters?</p> <p>Yes, I enjoyed the (acting, cinematography, special effects, part when).</p>	<p>I thought the movie _____ was _____. Have you seen it?</p> <p>It was (thought-provoking, awful), and I really (appreciated, resented) the way it (pulled the audience in, insulted the audience's intelligence).</p>