

Film and TV

Film / Horror movies

Worksheet

1a. Vocabulary

Look at the picture. Think of adjectives to describe how the couple are feeling.



1b. Vocabulary

Work in pairs to complete the table below.

Synonyms for scared	Synonyms for very scared
I was ...	I was ...
A F _ _ A _ _ _	T E _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ D
F R _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ _ D	P E T _ _ _ _ I E D
F R E A K _ _ _ - _ _ _ T	D I S _ _ _ _ B _ _ D
U N N E R _ _ _ _	S C A R E D - S T _ _ _ F

2. Speak

Discuss the questions below with your classmate.

- Are you a fan of horror movies? Explain.
- Many people enjoy feeling scared. Apart from horror movies, what other ways do people find to enjoy feeling fear?
- What are some of the most famous horror movies of all time? Try to give a brief explanation of their plots.

3. Listen and speak

Watch this trailer for the movie *The Conjuring* which is based on a true story. The trailer alternates dramatized scenes with real interviews given by the family who experienced the events. Listen carefully and answer questions a to d.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_t1LyxM0y0

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- What didn't the family know when they moved into the house?
- What suggestion was made to the family by the former owner of the house?
- What do we hear about the youngest girl in the family?
- Why did the family agree to make this movie about their experiences?

Discuss with your classmate:

Do you think that the family's story could really have occurred as they say it did?

Would this trailer convince you to see the movie? Explain.

Does your country or region have any buildings which are said to be haunted?

4a. Read

Match each movie title to the short description in the five mini-texts.

Movie titles: *Psycho / The Shining / The Cabin in the Woods / The Ring / The Exorcist*

Movie 1: _____ . A young girl begins to act strangely. Formerly sweet and polite, she becomes rude and starts using bad language. When she starts to exhibit superhuman strength and speak in a monstrous voice, people come to believe that her soul has been possessed by a demon. Her mother asks the local priest to try to chase the evil spirit out of her daughter. Movie 2: _____ . A man gets a job as a caretaker in a creepy hotel in the mountains. The hotel is closed in the winter months, so the only people there are the man, his wife and their young son. The son has psychic powers, meaning he can talk to spirits and see the hotel's dark history. The intense isolation makes the man start to go mad. Movie 3: _____ . A young woman is driving when a huge storm begins. She decides to stop and stay for the night in a small hotel by the motorway. The hotel is managed by an eerie man who seems to have an unsettling obsession with his elderly mother. The young woman checks into her room and prepares to go for the most famous shower in cinematic history.

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Movie 4: _____.

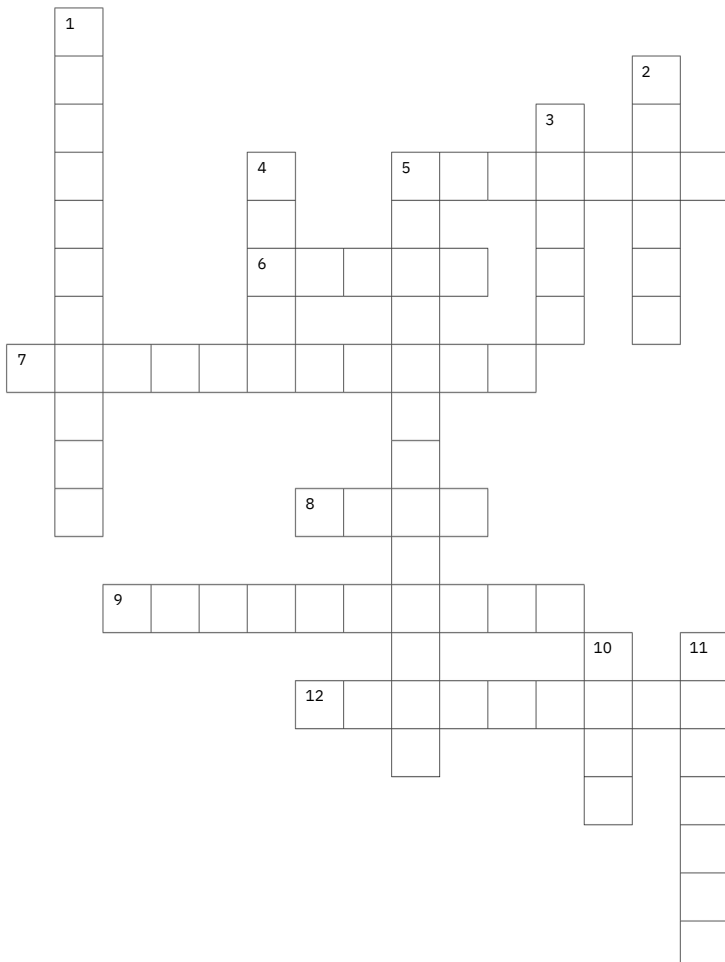
There is an urban legend about a video which contains nightmarish images. People say that if you watch the video, you'll get a phone call, and after this you will die within seven days. A young journalist decides to investigate this story. She watches the video and, in a spine-chilling twist, her phone rings! Can she solve the mystery before her time runs out?

Movie 5: _____.

Five college friends go for a weekend away in a small, remote house. Shortly after they arrive, they get spooked when the cellar door suddenly opens with a loud bang. What do they do? Phone the police? Of course not! They go down into the cellar and discover a collection of ancient objects. They also read a spell in Latin and awaken some flesh-eating zombies. Not your typical weekend break.

4b. Vocabulary

Now complete the crossword. All the answers are words from the five short texts that you have just read.



Across

- 5. (adjective) to feel scared because you have seen or heard something strange
- 6. (adjective) mysterious and perhaps a little scary
- 7. (adjective + noun; 5, 6) an expression which refers to a strange story or a rumour which many people believe to be true
- 8. (adjective/noun) very bad / the opposite of 'good'
- 9. (adjective) a person or situation which makes you feel uncomfortable or nervous
- 12. (adjective) horrible, similar to a monster

Down

- 1. (adjective) similar to a bad dream
- 2. (adjective) scary but in a strange way
- 3. (verb + adjective; 2, 3) an expression which means to lose your mind and become crazy
- 4. (noun) a poem or sentence which causes magic to happen if you say it
- 5. (compound adjective; 5, 8) absolutely terrifying
- 10. (noun) the spirit or essence of a person
- 11. (adjective/noun) a person with special mental abilities to predict the future and see other people's thoughts