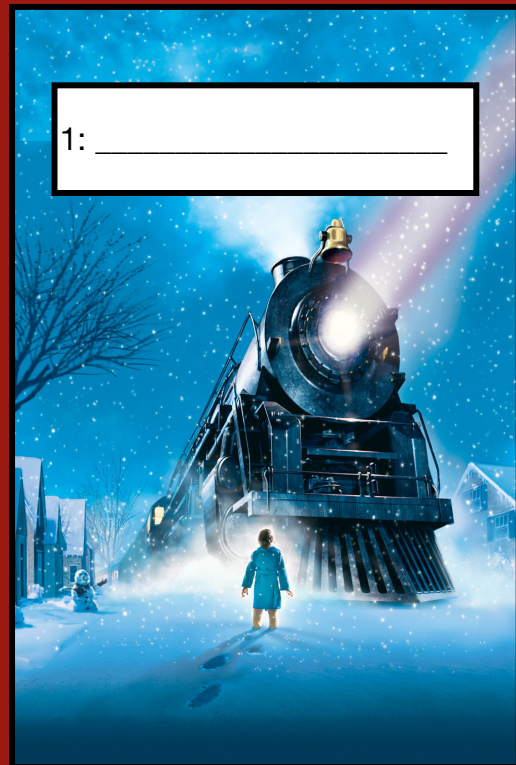


Handout 1: In pairs: Name the following movies. 5 points for each correct answer

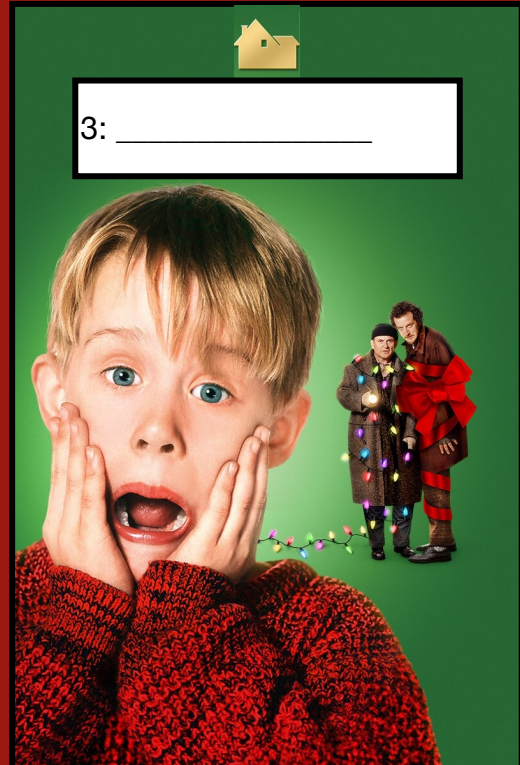
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THE ULTIMATE ROMANTIC COMEDY



From the makers of *Bridget Jones's Diary* & *Notting Hill*

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Handout 2: Pairs: Match text with poster– Five points for each correct answer

Text 1

Funny, irresistible and heartwarming, this is the ultimate romantic comedy that follows eight couples whose lives intersect shortly before Christmas. From the excitement of new relationships to the complexities of long-term love, the film captures the joy, heartache, and unexpected surprises that come with love, showing how it touches all aspects of life.

Poster : _____

Text 2

When a young boy is accidentally left behind while his family vacations abroad, he faces the challenge of defending his home from two burglars. With his quick thinking and inventive traps, he proves that even the smallest person can show great courage—and that family is what truly matters. leader

Poster : _____

Text 3

On the brink of despair, a man is shown by an angel how different the world would be if he had never been born. As he witnesses the profound impact of his life on those around him, he learns that every small act of kindness creates ripples, reminding us of the value of our own existence.

Poster : _____

Text 4

This beautifully animated film tells the story of a selfish postman and a mysterious toymaker who team up to bring joy to a bitter, divided town. Their unlikely friendship sparks a transformation, showing that acts of kindness can create lasting change and heal even the coldest hearts

Poster : _____

Text 5

A man raised as an elf travels to New York City to find his estranged father. As he navigates the bustling city, his childlike innocence and boundless cheer spread joy, teaching everyone around him the importance of family, kindness, and embracing the magic of the season.

Poster : _____

Text 6

An inspiring adventure based on a beloved children's book. When a skeptical young boy boards a magical train to the North Pole, he embarks on a journey that teaches him the power of belief and the wonder that exists in the world around us. A captivating story of adventure, imagination, and self-discovery.

Poster : _____



Handout 3: Pairs: Match poster with movie title

Poster #	
	It's a Wonderful Life
	The Polar Express
	Love Actually
	Klaus
	Elf
	Home Alone

Handout 4: Pairs: Read and answer comprehension questions

Student A

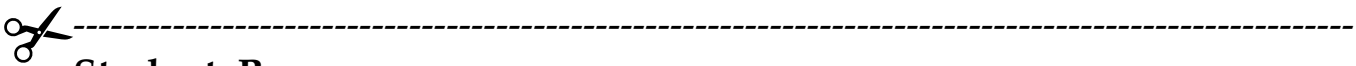
The Holdovers

(Christmas Comedy Drama) (2023)

The Holdovers is a 2023 American Christmas comedy drama film directed by Alexander Payne and written by David Hemingson. Set in 1970, the film stars Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Dominic Sessa. The Holdovers premiered at the 50th Telluride Film Festival on August 31, 2023. It received overwhelming critical acclaim and has grossed over \$45 million. It received many accolades, including two wins at the Golden Globe Awards and the British Academy Film Awards; Randolph won the Best Supporting Actress award at both ceremonies. The Holdovers also received five nominations at the 96th Academy Awards; Randolph won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. . . © Wikipedia

Plot

New England, 1970; Curmudgeon Paul Hunham, a strict classics teacher at a prestigious boarding school, is forced to remain on campus during the holiday break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Eventually, he forms an unlikely bond with one of them - a damaged, brainy troublemaker - and with the school's head cook, who has just lost a son in Vietnam



Student B

With your partner -find answers to these questions ASAP 5mins

1. Who directed the movie The Holdovers?
2. What type of movie is The Holdovers? (*love, sci-fi, western, etc.*)
3. What year was the film released?
4. Who wrote the screenplay?
5. Name two actors who starred in the movie
6. Why did Paul Hunham stay on campus during the Christmas holidays?
7. Who won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress at the 96th Academy Awards?

Handout 5 Pairs: Discussion Questions

Discuss some of the following questions with your partner 10/15 mins

- How do you usually celebrate Christmas?
- Do you normally get a "real" Christmas tree? If so, how do you decorate it?
- If you could spend Christmas anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?
- What's your favourite Christmas tradition with your family or friends?
- Do you prefer a snowy Christmas or a warm Christmas? Why?
- What's your earliest memory of Christmas?
- What's the best Christmas gift you've ever received?
- What is your favourite Christmas movie and why?
- What do you think is the best part of the Christmas holiday season?



Handout 6 Change Partners:

Discuss some of the following questions with your partner 10/15 mins

1. In *The Holdovers*, the character of Paul Hunham is forced to stay at school during Christmas. How might being away from family during the Christmas holidays affect someone's emotional state?
2. If you were forced to spend the holiday break in a school or work setting, how do you think you would feel?
3. In many of the best schools, students come from wealthy families who can afford expensive education. What do you think about the role of money in accessing education? Is it fair?
4. How can kindness and small acts of care change someone's life? Do you think kindness is more important than material gifts during the holiday season?
5. What do you think is the role of a teacher in a student's life? Can a teacher have a positive impact outside the classroom?