

# Movies & Languages 2019-2020

## *Goldfinger*

### About the movie

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Guy Hamilton
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	1964/ UK
<b>RUNTIME</b>	106 min.
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	English with English subtitles
<b>GENRE</b>	Spy, action
<b>ACTORS</b>	Sean Connery, Honor Blackman, Gert Frobe



### PLOT

"Goldfinger" is an iconic 1964 spy film and the third in the James Bond series starring Sean Connery as the fictional M16 agent 007. It is based on the novel of the same by Ian Fleming.

The film opens with Bond in Latin America dismantling a drug cartel, before he heads to Miami for what he thinks will be a vacation. He receives instructions from his superior, M, via CIA agent Felix Leiter to observe gold bullion dealer Auric Goldfinger, a well known gold smuggler at the hotel there. Bond discovers that Goldfinger is cheating at gin rummy with the help of one of his employees, Jill Masterson. Bond stops him by distracting Jill and blackmails Goldfinger into losing. After Bond and Jill spend an evening together, Bond is knocked out by Goldfinger's Korean manservant Oddjob. When Bond awakens, he finds Jill dead, covered in gold paint, having died from "skin suffocation".

Bond returns to London where Bond's boss, M, and the governor of the Bank of England explain to Bond that gold prices vary across the world, allowing one to profit by selling bullion internationally, and Bond's job will be to determine how Goldfinger smuggles the gold across borders. So with a full array of high technology gadgets, tracking devices, and a modified Aston Martin DB5 sports car, Bond, after first playing a winning game of golf with Goldfinger at a country club in Kent, follows him to Switzerland.

In Switzerland Bond learns of "Operation Grand Slam", a scheme dealing with the U.S. gold depository in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He is eventually taken hostage by Goldfinger and is immediately put on a flight to the U.S. and then brought to Goldfinger's stud farm, near Fort Knox. The film takes off from here with more exciting subplots and of course, once again, James Bond saves the world.

Many of the elements introduced in this film appeared in many of the later James Bond films, such as the afore-mentioned extensive use of technology, multiple foreign locales and tongue-in-cheek humor. Goldfinger was the first Bond film to win an Oscar and opened to a largely favorable critical reception. The film was a financial success, recouping its budget in two weeks time.

## LANGUAGE

Standard English, Standard American English, much tongue in cheek humor.

## VOCABULARY

<b>Midas touch:</b> whatever the person touches turns to gold or profit	<b>A spider's touch:</b> venomous, deathly
<b>Fill me in:</b> let me know the information	<b>Stud farm:</b> a farm use for the selective breeding of horses, particularly racehorses
<b>Dom Perignon 53:</b> a famous French champagne	<b>Gold bullion:</b> gold valued by weight
<b>Homer device:</b> a way of locating a person or thing through a radio signal	<b>Shortcomings:</b> personal flaws or defects
<b>Smuggling:</b> unauthorized transfer of something of value, usually from one country to another	<b>Gin Rummy:</b> popular card game
<b>All square:</b> even, the same, okay	<b>Arnold Palmer:</b> famous American golfer
<b>Something big's come up:</b> something important has happened	<b>Cooped up:</b> enclosed in a room
<b>Don't crowd him:</b> don't get too close	<b>A caper:</b> a criminal or dishonest scheme
<b>Tongue in cheek:</b> a statement that is ironic, slyly humorous, not meant to be taken seriously	<b>Bear with me:</b> have some patience
<b>Drop in on someone:</b> pay an unexpected visit	<b>On top at the moment:</b> in control