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Spotlight

About the movie (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	Thomas McCarthy
YEAR / COUNTRY	2015 / USA
GENRE	Crime Drama
ACTORS	Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, Rachel McAdams, Liev Schreiber, John Slattery, Stanley Tucci



PLOT

This film is the true story of how in 2001 the Boston Globe newspaper uncovered the massive scandal of child molestation and cover-up within the local Catholic Archdiocese, shaking the Catholic Church to its core.

Under the direction of new editor Marty Baron, the journalistic team known as "Spotlight" began to investigate allegations of abuse within the Catholic Church and the wilful ignorance of those in power who did nothing to stop it.

Facing political opposition and far-reaching influences of the Church and government, the journalists put together an explosive exposé revealing that the truth was much darker than they could have ever imagined.

Spotlight was critically acclaimed and was nominated for six Academy Awards, winning two: Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay.

LANGUAGE

Standard American English, some profanity.

GRAMMAR

TO GET

Get has the following meanings:

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| 1. obtain/buy | I got this shirt in France. |
| 2. receive/be given | I got an email from Frank yesterday. |
| 3. become | It's getting late. Shall we stop now? |
| 4. move/arrive | I got into Sales many years ago. I get to work at nine. |
| 5. bring to a place/fetch | Can I get you a coffee? |
| 6. understand | I'm sorry but I don't get it. |
| 7. persuade | We tried to get them to agree, but they refused. |
| 8. travel by/catch (transport) | I got a taxi from the airport. |

Examples:

1. Mr. Bezos said Amazon had lost a lot of money on its investments in both living.com and Pets.com. The idea was to **get** in quickly and stick your claim to a particular market sector. (get=move)
2. Make sure your promises won't **get** you into trouble. (get=bring)
3. You need to **get** connected to the Internet in Moscow! (get=become)
4. Did you **get** what went wrong the car? (get=understand)

VOCABULARY

Bawling: crying or shouting loudly	Pissed off: angry or upset
Gutsy call: a courageous decision	Job cuts: firings or layoffs
Arraignment: the initial step in a judicial proceeding when the accused is brought before a judge, informed of the charges and enters a plea	To be on the same page: to be thinking in a similar way about something
Fenway Park: baseball stadium in Boston	PD numbers: police department statistics
Under seal: information that cannot be seen without legal permission	Folo: follow up investigation
To scrub a case: investigate a case	Coming down the pike: what to be expected
Dunkin' Donuts: a U.S. pastry and coffee shop chain	Meddling: to get involved in a matter without permission, to interfere
A one off: a one-time situation or decision that probably won't be repeated	Taking a bullet for someone: taking the responsibility and the consequences for something to protect someone
To get it: to understand, comprehend	To bug somebody: to bother somebody
Paedophile: a person who is sexually attracted to children	Give me a heads up: let me know
Cottage industry: business that can be done at home with little infrastructure	To smear: to insult, to spread insulting information
Tee time: in the game of golf, the time you start	Archdiocese: district under the care of an archbishop
A mobile: a person capable of moving or being moved readily according to certain influences or interests	Plea: formal, legal, response to a criminal charge