

Movies & Languages 2012-2013

About the movie

DIRECTOR	Lone Scherfig
YEAR / COUNTRY	2011 / USA
GENRE	Romantic Comedy /Drama
ACTORS	Anne Hathaway, Jim Sturgess



PLOT

Two Edinburgh university students meet and become best friends and their relationship towards one another builds over a twenty year period always referring to St.Swithin's day, July 15th.

The script fluctuates between friendship and romance. The main message is about living in the present moment which is why the language is easy to understand.

You will see and learn how each character makes life altering choices which later influence their future.

You will also find out which virtues are most important in their lives.

LANGUAGE

British accents mainly using the present tenses. Some past tenses are used. Simplistic dialogue with clear pronunciation.

GRAMMAR

PAST SIMPLE

Forms (regular verbs):

- Affirmative: *I worked. You worked. He/she/it worked.*
- Question: *Did I work? Did you work? Did he/she/it work?*
- Negative: *I did not work. You did not work. He/she/it did not work.*

PAST PERFECT

We are talking about the past and want to talk about an earlier past. For example:

When I arrived at the party, Lucy had already gone home.

Forms:

had + past participle

- Affirmative: *I had forgotten.*
- Question: *Where had she been?*
- Negative: *It hadn't rained for weeks.*

VOCABULARY

To get waylaid: to be detained unexpectedly	To get frisky with: to become playful and energetic with
To have a crush on: to fancy someone	Cuddles: hugs or embraces
Mate: (noun) British for buddy	A dip: a swim
Monterey jack: a hard white cheese	Skinny dipping: nude swimming
To wee: to urinate	Corns: calluses on toes
Spoiled: a person exhibiting behavioural problems from overindulgence	Plimsolls: canvas sneakers or trainers with rubber soles
A fortnight: fourteen days	Check-in desk: the place in the airport where you show your ticket
A fag: British slang for cigarette	Flirt: a playful game of short-lived attraction
A lick of paint: a layer of paint to make something look better	To take by storm: to be very successful in a particular place or among a particular group of people