

WITNESS Worksheet

Background to the movie

Witness was a popular movie in the 1980s. It tells the story of a small Amish boy who witnessed a murder by a corrupt cop.

Harrison Ford is a detective called John Book, whose life is endangered once the boy tells him who the murderer is. Together with the boy, he goes into hiding in Pennsylvania's Amish community.

There is a romantic link between John Book and the boy's mother, played by Kelly McGillis



Let's watch a clip from this movie to get a better idea of the Amish way of life. Turn this print face down on your desk and don't look at the questions! Just watch the clip. After the clip has finished, try the questions.



Clip (01:10:31 to 01:18:24)

- At the start of the clip John Book speaks to another man. What is their relationship, do you think?
 - They are friends.
 - They are relatives.
 - They are rivals.
- What are the men building?
 - a house
 - a barn
 - a windmill
- What is different about John Book's clothes compared to the other workers?
 - he's wearing a baseball cap
 - he's wearing a white shirt
 - he's wearing jeans
- What does John Book drink as he is working?
 - It looks like lemonade.
 - It looks like beer.
 - It looks like water.
- What do they have for lunch?
 - chicken
 - beef
 - ham
- After lunch, what work do we see the little boys doing?
 - hammering
 - drilling
 - sawing
- After lunch, what work are the women doing?
 - baking
 - knitting
 - sewing
- What are the names of the young couple who everybody was helping today?
 - Lisa and Andrew
 - Laura and Adam
 - Lydia and Amos
- What are the men doing as they return home at the end of the day?
 - They are whistling.
 - They are singing.
 - They are dancing.
- During the day the weather was fine but how was the weather at the end of the clip?
 - It was raining.
 - There was thunder and lightning.
 - There was a tornado.

Check the answers with your teacher.

Now open your textbook and look at Unit 3.

Circle all of the things in the text that match things that you saw in the clip.