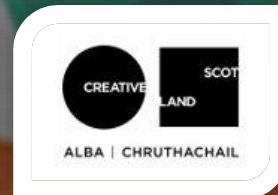


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Activities: Reading

- **Culture:** Research aspects of that culture revealed in the film and present them in some form.
- **Synonyms:** Choose 10 words from the film and ask the class to find synonyms.
- **Translation:** Choose a speech or section of dialogue from the film and transcribe it. Ask pupils to translate this or answer questions on it.
- **Film reading:** Teach the names of camera shots in your chosen language. Ask them to find words to describe certain shots (e.g. intense, isolating, energetic...)
- **Quote posters:** Translate a favourite film quote into a lovely poster.

Activities: Writing

- **Storyboarding:** Create a storyboard in another language for a film you love, or that continues a foreign language film you've watched, or for your own foreign language film!
- **Film Review:** Write a film review in your chosen language.
- **Character writing:** Choose a character from the film and write a diary entry, postcard, email, text message as them.
- **Draw and Annotate:** Pupils draw a character from the film and surround it with words to describe their personality/actions. (Also works for describing a setting.)

Activities: Talking

- **Questioning:** Show a film clip and ask pupils understanding questions in your chosen language.
- **Drama:** Get pupils to act out an additional scene for the film in that language.
- **Trailer:** Use the iMovie Trailer template to make a foreign film trailer.
- **Commentary:** Pupils film an activity and add a commentary in their chosen language.
- **Filmmaking:** Make a film for the SEET Our World filmmaking competition.

[Our World Learning & Teaching Resources — SEET](#)

Activities: Listening

- **Vocabulary Bingo:** Make bingo sheets with key vocabulary from the film and have pupils mark off the words while watching.
- **Sound On/Vision Off:** Show a short film or clip with the picture off. What have they understood about what is happening? Show it again with the picture on to see how accurate they were.
- **Quiz:** Pupils make a multiple choice quiz on a given section of the film and test each other.
- **Film as Teacher:** Ask pupils to watch a film in a language they don't know and make a list of 10 key words they learn from it.

Resources

- **Film Education - Thinking MFL:** [Film Education | Resources | Thinking Film | Modern Foreign Languages](#)
 - Only French resources, and a bit faffy to download – but there are great ideas here!
- **Website - BSL Zone:** [Shorts :: BSL Zone](#)
 - Regularly updated with short films using British Sign Language.
- **Website - Short of the Week:** [Watch the Best Short Films | Short of the Week](#)
 - Regularly updated with shorts from across the globe in lots of different languages.
- **Website - Languages on Screen:** [Languages on Screen](#)
 - Short films and lesson resources - Italian, French, Spanish and German

Research Articles

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- **British Council - Using film to teach or learn English:** [How can film help you teach or learn English? | British Council](#)
- **The Guardian - Using foreign films to inspire:** [Languages, camera, action: using film to inspire your students | Teacher Network | The Guardian](#)
- **Babbel magazine - Using film to learn a language:** [How To Use Movies To Learn A Language \(babbel.com\)](#)
- **FILTA - Using film in language teaching:** [Film in Language Teaching Association \(FILTA\): a multilingual community of practice | ELT Journal | Oxford Academic \(oup.com\)](#)

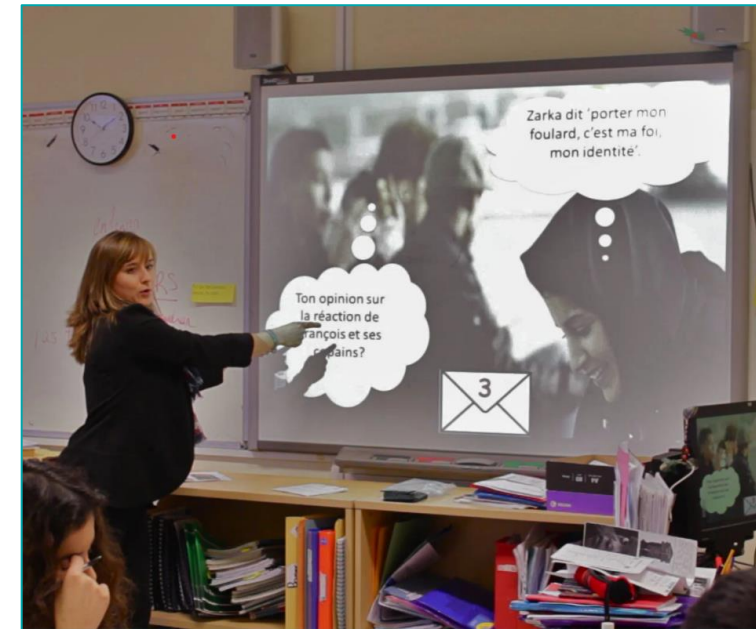
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- FutureLearn, in partnership with the BFI and Into Film, offer a free short online course in using film to teach languages.

[Short Film in Language Teaching – Online Course \(futurelearn.com\)](#)



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