

## Movies & Languages 2016-2017

### Brooklyn

**About the movie** (subtitled version)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	John Crowley
<b>YEAR / COUNTRY</b>	2015 / Ireland, United Kingdom
<b>GENRE</b>	Drama / Romance
<b>ACTORS</b>	Saoirse Ronan, Domhnall Gleeson, Emory Cohen, Jim Broadbent, Julie Walters



#### PLOT

The film is about a young Irish girl who in 1951 emigrates to Brooklyn, New York. She is sponsored by Father Flood, a priest from her native town in Ireland, and is assured of finding a full-time job as well as accommodations there. But the early days are tough, filled with loneliness and homesickness. She nevertheless, little by little, manages to find her footing by working as a salesgirl and studying bookkeeping at Brooklyn College. She is also greatly helped by both Father Flood and Mrs. Kehoe, the owner of the boarding school in which she resides. She graduates, falls in love with an Italian-American plumber, and they end up getting married. The story with all its twists takes off from there.

The film premiered at the Sundance Film Festival to critical acclaim. It was nominated for three awards at the 88<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Actress and Best Adapted Screenplay.

#### LANGUAGE

Standard American English, Irish Brogue.

#### GRAMMAR

##### **Tense Changes in Reported Speech**

We often tell people what other people have said. This is called reported or indirect speech. We rarely try to report the exact words that someone says.

**When the verb tense changes it “moves back in time”.**

##### Actual words

“I **work** at IBM”

“I’m **working** for IBM”

“I’ve **worked** for IBM”

“I’ve **been working** for IBM”

“I **worked** for IBM”

“I **had worked** for IBM”

“I’m **going to work** for IBM”

“I **can/will/may work** for IBM”

##### Report (indirect speech)

She said she **worked** for IBM

She said she **was working** for IBM

She said she **had worked** for IBM

She said she **had been working** for IBM

She said she **had worked** for IBM

She said she **had worked** for IBM

She said she **was going to work** for IBM

She said she **could/would/might work** for IBM

There is no change for must, might, could, should, would.

There is no change for the past perfect (had worked).

VOCABULARY

<b>Rashers:</b> thin slices of bacon or ham	<b>Spit it out:</b> say it directly
<b>Bit of room:</b> extra space	<b>Irish brogue:</b> Irish pronunciation of English language
<b>Red spy:</b> a spy from the U.S.S.R.	<b>Milestone:</b> very important stage or event
<b>Pushy:</b> self-assertive, arrogant	<b>Straightaway:</b> immediately
<b>Dodgers/Yankees/ Giants:</b> baseball teams in New York City	<b>Blazer:</b> an elegant jacket
<b>Giddiness:</b> not taking matters seriously	<b>Find her footing:</b> to become familiar and confident in a new situation
<b>Ellis Island:</b> Immigration inspection station in New York	<b>Slothful:</b> lazy
<b>Gossipmongers:</b> people who take unpleasant information and make it known to other people	<b>Coney Island:</b> an amusement park with a beach close to New York City
<b>Gooseberry:</b> unwanted third person when two people want to be alone	<b>He broke it off:</b> he ended a relationship
<b>Like a tart:</b> like a prostitute	