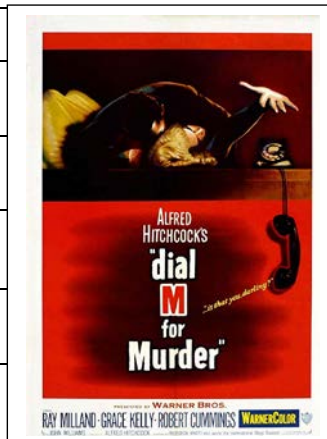


# Movies & Languages 2019-2020

## *Dial M for Murder*

**About the movie** (subtitled version)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Alfred Hitchcock
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	1954 / USA
<b>GENRE</b>	Thriller
<b>ACTORS</b>	R. Milland, G. Kelly, R. Cummings, J. Williams



### PLOT

British tennis pro Tony Wendice suspects that his wealthy wife (Margot) is being unfaithful to him, discovers with whom and plans to kill her. Wendice then finds out enough about a disgraced former Cambridge student he met while studying there himself to "blackmail" him into murdering his (Wendice's) wife and making it look like the work of a burglar.

Despite his careful plans, Wendice fails to consider that his wife might fight back and kill her attacker. When this happens, and the police investigate, Wendice improvises quickly, subtly suggesting that his wife murdered the man because he was blackmailing her. She is convicted and condemned to be hanged. He almost succeeds in getting her out of his life and inheriting her money; however, a very astute police inspector finds a way to trick Wendice into proving his guilt...

### LANGUAGE

Standard British "Queen's English" and standard educated American.

### VOCABULARY

<b>Stag party:</b> party held for a man who is about to get married, attended only by men	<b>To come off:</b> (in this case) be successful
<b>To bet on the tote:</b> bet anonymously, by pooling bets placed	<b>Dour:</b> dull, excessively serious and/or persistent
<b>To palm someone off with something:</b> give someone something that is unsatisfactory or not enough, to keep them quiet. In this case, the idea was to give bad quality drinks	<b>To have a good run for one's money:</b> gain (more than) sufficient enjoyment or reward for the time, effort or money invested
<b>To be just the job:</b> perfect for the circumstances	<b>So long:</b> Goodbye for now
<b>To be skating on thin ice:</b> to be doing something very risky which could easily have serious consequences	<b>By all means!:</b> Of course! Please do.

<b>To gallivant:</b> to go from place to place for pleasure or entertainment	<b>Ten bob:</b> ten old British shillings (half an old British £)
<b>To deliver the goods:</b> do what you are asked	<b>Crummy:</b> dirty, unpleasant, nasty
<b>The loot:</b> goods or money stolen	<b>Whence (archaic/legal):</b> from which, from where
<b>I got that licked:</b> I have solved that problem	<b>Thence (formal):</b> from a previously mentioned place or source
<b>To pinch something:</b> to steal something not very valuable or to take without causing much harm	<b>Clot!:</b> fool, idiot