

Foreign Language Film Festival 2009-2010

Juno

About the movie (subtitled version)

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| DIRECTOR | Jason Reitman |
| YEAR / COUNTRY | 2007 / Canada, USA |
| GENRE | Comedy/Drama |
| ACTORS | Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman J. K. Simmons, Olivia Thirlby |



PLOT

A sixteen-year old Minnesota high-schooler, Juno MacGuff, discovers she is pregnant with a child fathered by her friend Paulie Bleeker. While at first she intends to have an abortion, she changes her mind and decides to make a plan for the future adoption of the child. The film is about her decision and its consequences for others.

The film won the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay and earned three other Oscar nominations, including Best Picture and Best Actress for Page.

Regarding its treatment of abortion it has also received both criticism and praise from members of both the pro-life and pro-choice communities.

LANGUAGE

Standard American/Canadian English: much American slang.

GRAMMAR

Reported Speech

We often tell people what other people have said. This is called **reported or indirect speech**. We very rarely try to report the exact words that someone actually says. Usually we give the general meaning with a summary.

When the introductory verb tense changes it “moves back” in time:

‘I work for IBM’: she said she worked for IBM

‘I’m working for IBM’: she said she was working for IBM

‘I’ve worked for IBM’: she said she had worked for IBM

‘I’ve been working for IBM’: she said she had been working for IBM

‘I worked for IBM’: she said she had worked for IBM

‘I had worked for IBM’: she said she had worked for IBM

‘I’m going to work for IBM’: she said she was going to work for IBM

‘I can/will/may work for IBM’: she said she could/would/might work for IBM

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

Note well that if the actual words were in the past simple (*worked*), the reported speech can change or stay the same.

Note well that there is no change for the past perfect (*had worked*).

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VOCABULARY

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| Stage Parents: parents adopting a child | Get off the rag: end a menstrual cycle |
| Pee Stick: urine test for determining pregnancy | Justimation: estimation |
| Pork swords: penis | Hairy details: unpleasant details |
| Prom: final High-School dance and party | Bum ovary: an ovary that does not function |
| To take a dump: defecate | He had it him: he had courage |
| D.W.I.: driving while intoxicated | Closed adoption: no conditions |
| Not a big deal: not important | Baby Shower: party given for a future mother |
| Long leash: lots of freedom | Cold feet: reluctance to make a difficult choice |
| Go fly a kite: get lost - don't bother me | |