

Movies & Languages 2016-2017

Me Before You



About the movie (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	Thea Sharrock
YEAR / COUNTRY	2016 / USA
GENRE	Romance
ACTORS	Emilia Clarke, Sam Claflin, Steve Peacocke

PLOT

Luisa “Lou” Clark lives in a quaint village in the English countryside. With no direction in her life and no aspirations, the quirky, good-hearted 26-year-old goes from one job to the next to help her family make ends meet. Her normally cheery outlook is put to the test, however, when she faces her newest job: becoming the caregiver and companion to Will Traynor, a 35-year-old aristocratic London financier who loved adventure, culture and women and now left paralyzed from the neck down after a motorcycle accident two years prior.

Distraught by the loss of his old lifestyle, the now taciturn, bitter Will has all but given up. That is, until Lou, with her crazy clothes, bursts into his world, trying to make him find beauty in simply things and adapt to his new reality. Despite a rocky start, they warm up as they teach each other about living in a different way. And neither of them knows they're going to change each other for all time.

“You only get one life. It's actually your duty to live it as fully as possible. Push yourself. Don't settle.”
(taken from the novel “Me Before You” by Jojo Moyes)

LANGUAGE

Standard & informal British English.

GRAMMAR

NOUNS ENDING IN –S AND OTHER IRREGULAR NOUNS

❖ A few nouns not ending in –s are plural

man..... **men** foot.....**feet** person**people**
 woman.....**women** tooth.....**teeth** mouse.....**mice**

Examples:

People want peace and security.

The men were waiting outside.

❖ A few nouns have the same singular & plural forms

data.....**data** means.....**means**
 fish.....**fish** series.....**series**
 sheep.....**sheep** species.....**species**

Examples:

The data shows..... The data show

A species is..... Several species have

❖ A few nouns have no singular

cattle.....clothes.....(eye) glasses.....police.....jeans
 scissors.....pajamas.....pants.....shorts.....trousers

Example:

The police are investigating the crime.

Jeans, pajamas, shorts and others are plural even though they refer to a single item. To make them singular, you can add **pair of**.

Example:

*My **jeans are** too small.....My new **pair of jeans is** great!*

❖ A few nouns that end in -s are singular

economics.....news.....The Netherlands
 mathematics.....athletics.....The Philippines
 physics.....gymnastics.....The United Nations
 statistics.....measles.....The United States

Examples:

Economics is my hardest course.

The United States is a relatively young country.

News travels pretty fast!

VOCABULARY

s.o. = something s.th. = something

*Informal British English

It's pouring: it's raining cats & dogs	To make yourself scarce: disappear, go hide For example: "John's really angry with you. You'd better make yourself scarce!"
To work like a Trojan: to work very hard	Manic: crazy, insane
To mope around: feeling miserable & not interested in anything apart from yourself	Come across: to find s.o. unexpectedly, by chance
Wardrobe: a closet where clothes are kept	For ages: for a long time
To reach rock-bottom: to become extremely depressed	There is no point dwelling on s.th.: it's useless thinking about it
To head back: to go back	To go haywire: to go crazy
*I make a mean cup of tea: an excellent cup of tea	*A mate: a friend
*To pop out: go out to get s.th. unexpectedly For example: "I'm just popping out to get a newspaper"	*To stick with s.o.: stay close to me
You're running late: to be behind schedule / not to be on time	Wellies (U.K.): short for Wellington boots, worn when the ground is wet or dirty
To get on: continue doing s.th.	Tights: skintight garment covering the legs
Wonders will never cease: an expression of surprise (used ironically). For example: "He's actually on time....wonders will never cease!"	To have a crush on s.o.: to have a passing infatuation for s.o. you really like
A time-table: a schedule of things to do	To mock s.o.: to make fun of s.o.
To cheer s.o. up: try to make s.o. happy	Dodgy man: dishonest person
To strike a deal: to come to an agreement	To be suckered: s.o. who is easily deceived, cheated
To snoop around: to look around secretly	Alimony: monetary support to a divorced person
*To stick around: hang around, stay where you are	A bucket list: a list of the goals you want to achieve before you die (originates from the term "to kick the bucket" = to die)
To drop out of business studies: to leave without finishing a degree	To sue s.o.: to take legal action against a person, company etc. (<i>intentare causa</i>)
To be sober: the opposite of to be drunk	*Go with your guts: have the courage to do s.th.
To let s.o. down: to disappoint s.o.	Veggies: vegetables