

▣ ABOUT THE MOVIE ▣ (subtitled version)

TITLE	THE SHINING
DIRECTOR	S. KUBRICK
YEAR AND COUNTRY	1980 / USA
GENRE	HORROR
ACTORS	Jack Nicholson (Jack Torrance), Shelly Duvall (Wendy Torrance), Danny Lloyd (Danny Torrance), Scatman Crothers (Dick Halloran), Philip Stone (Delbert Grady)



PLOT

Aspiring writer, Jack Torrance, is engaged as a winter caretaker for a first class hotel in the wilds of the Colorado mountains. The hotel is closed down in this season and Torrance, together with his wife and young son, Danny, will be the only occupants for five months.

Danny, who is clairvoyant and sometimes telepathic, finds a kindred spirit in the black cook, Dick Halloran, who shows the family around. The boy soon discovers that the hotel is haunted, one room in particular.

Gradually, as the hotel becomes isolated in deep snow, the spirits drive Jack crazy. When Jack meets the ghost of Mr. Grady, the former custodian of the hotel who murdered his wife and two daughters, things reach a turning point, as Jack is persuaded to follow in Grady's footsteps.

Danny uses his powers to call on Halloran for help, and he and his mother finally manage to escape.

LANGUAGE

The language is normal, "regular" American English, with no heavy accents. However, the child can be a bit hard to understand, and there are several scenes where the characters mumble or speak in a very low voice, which might provide some difficulty for non-native speakers. The father, Jack, uses some vulgar expressions.

VOCABULARY

to get the hang of something: to understand how to do something without thinking too much about it	to get a foothold: to get established and be difficult to remedy
to get someone down: to depress or irritate them	to be trying: to be hard to bear/be irritating
booze: alcoholic drink	to run amuck/amok: to go wild and crazy
oatmeal: the ground cereal used for porridge	to stack: put in a neat pile
to knock back: drink quickly (usually alcohol)	to blow one's brains out: to shoot oneself in the head
to have no business + ing: not to have the right to do something	Snowbound: prevented from moving by the snow
to settle back into + ing: to gradually get a habit back	to grab a bite: get something to eat
steady going!: slow down!	to rub something in: to continue to mention or insist on a failing or negative action in a person
grouchy: bad-tempered	to get the better of someone: to win in some way
to mind someone/what s.o. says: to obey s.o.	not to have the belly for something: not to be brave enough to do it
that's swell!: that's great	your heart's not in it: you are not trying hard enough/you don't believe in what you are doing
to be oneself again: to act as one normally does	