

# Movies & Languages 2018-2019

## *The Greatest Showman*

**About the movie** (subtitled version)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Michael Gracey
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	2017 / USA
<b>GENRE</b>	Musical film
<b>ACTORS</b>	Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams, Rebecca Ferguson and Zendaya



### PLOT

Set in the second half of the mid-nineteenth century, the story tells, on the one hand, of a romance between Phineas T. Barnum, a poor tailor's son, and Charity Hallett, a rich businessman's daughter. Despite the objection of Charity's parents, Phineas and her get married and have two daughters. Living in a very humble way, they are at first happy.

Barnum, however, craves to be successful and to give his family more. He consequently starts up a circus. Although at first he is not successful, he changes approach and the business begins to grow. Part of his new approach is to include people who are not exactly normal, like dwarves or bearded ladies. This new more freakish angle of his circus begins to attract more people. His ride to success is a bit bumpy at first, but in the end he and his family become fabulously rich and are accepted in New York society. P. T. Barnum is still known as the most circus that ever existed.

### LANGUAGE

The language is sensational. This is a film about success and fulfilling dreams, and the language often reflects both.

### VOCABULARY

<b>To wish:</b> there are three ways to use this verb: "I wish I had a Million dollars" (impossibility); "I wish you would study" (possibility); "I wished upon a star" or "I made a wish"	<b>Blue prints:</b> the plans/drawings for how to build something
<b>Substantial collateral:</b> to put a lot of money as an initial payment toward paying for something	<b>Freaks:</b> people or things that are not normal
<b>Flotilla of sailing vessels:</b> a fleet of boats/ships	<b>Trapeeze:</b> ropes with a bar attached to them, that men hold on to while they fly about the sky and do acrobatics
<b>Something that isn't stuffed:</b> something that isn't filled with something. For ex.: the Thanksgiving turkey is stuffed with vegetables and a teddybear is also stuffed	<b>To rub my parents noses in success:</b> when you teach dogs not to pee in the house, you rub their noses where they have peed, in other words show parents what they did wrong in a brutal way

<b>Finishing school:</b> a school for women that teaches them how they should behave in good society	<b>Dwarf:</b> a person who remains small even when they are full grown
<b>Mermaid:</b> a mythical being that is half woman and half fish	<b>To fake it:</b> to pretend
<b>Three meals a days helped to open the plains to the railroad:</b> me had to eat in order to have enough strength to clear the land to build the railroad	<b>Teach me how to appeal to the high browl:</b> teach me how to attract rich society people
<b>Nantucket:</b> an island in New England	<b>The swells, up town:</b> the rich people who live in the right part of town and thing that they are morally better because of their money and where they live
<b>Disgraced:</b> to feel deeply embarrassed	<b>Out of wedlock:</b> to be born of a woman who wasn't married
<b>To be disowned:</b> to have the legal connection to the money of your family broken	<b>To mingle:</b> to mix with people
<b>Over-compensated apprentice:</b> an apprentice that is paid too much	<b>To share a bunk (a bunk bed in a piece of furniture with one bed on top of another bed):</b> when they are old enough to sleep together
<b>Purveyor of offence and indecency:</b> one who spread nasty stuff	<b>To be small minded:</b> to have lots of prejudices which inhibit your actions
<b>To blush:</b> to turn red with embarrassment	<b>Lavish ovations:</b> ovations that were very loud and continued for a long time
<b>A queen's ransom:</b> the money someone would ask for if they had captured a queen	<b>Careless with other people:</b> treating other people badly
<b>Voice of a nightingale:</b> a beautiful singing voice	<b>Spooks:</b> black people
<b>To be hoodwinked:</b> to be cheated out of something/money	<b>Thugs:</b> violent criminals
<b>Humbug:</b> that's ridiculous	<b>To be evicted:</b> to be forced to move out of the house or apartment where you live.
<b>A man's station is linked only to his imagination:</b> if a man's imagination is powerful enough, he can transcend his social position	<b>Feeling sorry for yourself:</b> to pity yourself
<b>Wealth and privilege are easy when you're born in it:</b> it's easy to act rich and to be a snob, especially when that is the only world you have ever known	<b>A pitfall:</b> an obstacle
<b>To make a buck:</b> to make a little money	