

## ▣ ABOUT THE MOVIE ▣ (subtitled version)

<b>TITLE</b>	The Simpsons
<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Silverman, Archer
<b>YEAR AND COUNTRY</b>	1989 -1990 USA
<b>GENRE</b>	Cartoon - Comedy Television Series
<b>ACTORS</b>	The Simpsons: Homer, Marge, Bart, Lisa and Maggie.



### PLOT

Two episodes of this popular TV series will be shown and will involve the usual “Simpson“ problems of family, school and work, reflecting American culture and the infinite contradictions of everyday life. The episodes are the following:

- 1. Bart The Genius:** Bart cheats on his I.Q. exam and is considered a genius. As a consequence he is selected for a special school for brilliant students. Many problems occur both during and after his first day in class.
- 2. Homer’s Odyssey:** Homer gets fired from his job and becomes a “safety activist” in Springfield, rallying support from his fellow citizens. Eventually he takes on his ex-employer, the Springfield Nuclear Power Plant and fights against his old boss. Eventually, he gives up his cause and is rehired at the plant with a raise.

### LANGUAGE

Standard American English with some slang. Slang may be defined as a special kind of “intimate” or in-group speech. It is a type of speech marked by its rejection of formal rules, its freshness, and its use to claim solidarity by social groups. In the Simpsons, although slang is used by almost all of the characters, Bart, with his adolescent schoolyard slang, is probably the most important contributor of this variety of language to the TV series.

### VOCABULARY

<b>1. Bart The Genius</b>	<b>2. Homer’s Odyssey</b>
Aptitude, I.Q. test: test of intelligence, intelligence quotient	Palm of his hand: in control of a situation
Caught red handed: caught in the act with evidence of guilt	Putting someone down: criticising someone
Yikes: expression of surprise or fear	Field trip: an excursion outside the school used for didactic purposes
Sloppy speller: a person who is not very precise in spelling	To puke: to vomit
Stowaway: a person who hides himself on a means of transport in order to avoid paying the fare	Yakking and scarfing: talking and eating
To bother: to annoy, to disturb	Sit tight: stay where you are and be calm
Eat my shorts: go away and don’t bother me	Report card: an evaluation based on results and progress in school
Crummy: cheap, worthless, mediocre	Boulder: a large stone or rock
Dimwit: stupid person	Enough already: you don’t need to do or say anything more
What makes them tick?: How can we explain their behaviour?	Doozies: mistakes
Lard-butt: very obese person	Small potatoes: not very significant