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Wall•E

About the movie (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	Andrew Stanton
YEAR / COUNTRY	2008 / USA
GENRE	Animation
ACTORS	Voices: Ben Burtt (*Wall·E/ M-O*), Elissa Knight (*EVE*) Fred Willard (*Shelby Forthright*) Jeff Garlin (*Captain McCrea*) Sigourney Weaver (*Ship's computer*) John Ratzenberger (*John*) Kathy Najimy (*Mary*)
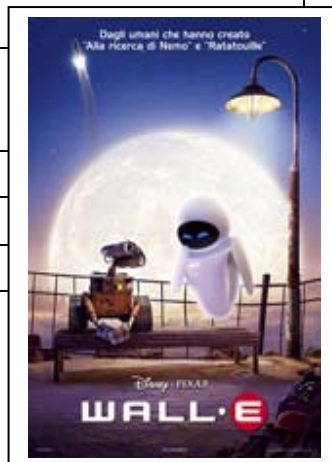
PLOT

The population of the earth has been eliminated because of excessive pollution. Of the last "living things," one is not really alive but a robot, Wall·E. His pet cock roach is the other living thing. One day a space ship comes down and brings EVE, another robot. She has come to investigate the earth's atmosphere. This is the beginning of a love story that will bring about the re-colonization of earth. When the space ship returns to get EVE, Wall·E goes too. The development of their love story takes some time since not all of the space ship wants them around for various reasons. In the end love triumphs and this has a positive consequence for the human race, as well.

LANGUAGE

The language is very simple since most of the story can be told without words. It is more Wall·E and EVE movements and gestures that move the film, more than any words that are said. They are robots who don't use slang but static simple language.

GRAMMAR

Prepositions and phrasal verbs

There are generally more prepositions in English than other languages, and it is these prepositions that give English a precision in describing movement.

The following phrasal verbs for example can be used to describe Wall·E and EVE as they move **in, out around, through, over and into** space and earth.

Take for example the Italian 'ballare nello spazio'. In English you can not only 'to dance in space,' but also 'to dance through.' Which renders the idea of what Wall·E and EVE do better than the Italian.

Examples:
to go to, **to go through, to go into/onto, to go out of, to be shut out of, to be launched into, to dance through, to fly over/through/into**

Wall·E flew **through** space and collided **into** EVE. They were both shut **out of** the space ship.
The humans watched them **on** board as they waltz **through** space.
Wall·E rolled the trash **into** his stomach and packed it **up into** a solid square, and then rolled it **out** again.

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VOCABULARY

WALL·E: Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class	EVE: Extraterrestrial Vegetation Evaluator
Bridge: where the captain commands the boat from	Forefathers = ancestors: all of the people born before you who have in some way contributed to your being
Cupcake: a cake made in the shape of a cup	Ongoing photosynthesis: continual photosynthesis
Bye Gally: exclamation of surprise	Bone lose: decrease in your bone structure
Lap: to run around a track (*pista*) once or to swim across a pool once	Jogging track: a track that people jog around
Soil, dirt: earth	Rogue robots: dangerous robots that are running free
Disposal: where you throw something away	Cock roach: beetle (*scarafaggio*)