

## Foreign Language Film Festival 2007-2008

### *Outbreak*

**About the movie** (subtitled version)

DIRECTOR	Wolfgang Petersen
YEAR / COUNTRY	1995 U.S.A.
GENRE	Drama/ Sci-Fi/ Thriller
ACTORS	Dustin Hoffman, Rene Russo, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Spacey, Donald Sutherland



#### PLOT

In Motaba River Valley, Zaire, in 1967, there is an outbreak of a virus with a 100% mortality rate. The entire region is contaminated and a devastatingly huge fire bomb is dropped onto the area in order to reduce the chances of further infection.

27 years later, in 1994, there is another outbreak in Motaba River Valley. Colonel Sam Daniels (Dustin Hoffman) of the United States Army Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USARIID) is doing research on the virus, and so is his ex-wife (Rene Russo), who works at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia.

A monkey carrying the deadly Motaba virus is smuggled into the U.S.A. by ship and the greatest medical crisis in the world is about to happen. Extreme measures are necessary to contain this fatal epidemic. But exactly how extreme? Try to remain calm.

#### LANGUAGE

In certain examples of Imperative English and some reported speech, you will hear authentic medical and military terminology emphasizing the severity of each given situation. The language is delivered with such clarity and conviction that it will seem to you to take part in the movie.

#### VOCABULARY

Outbreak: a sudden eruption	To hold on: to continue to resist
Mortality rate: death rate	Shoulder to shoulder: equidistant
Host: the organism on or in which a parasite lives	To scratch: to make a shallow cut with something sharp
Mutation: any heritable alteration of an organism	Idiotic: adj. of profound foolishness
Bug: a disease-producing microorganism or germ	Incoherent: unable to express ones thoughts in an orderly manner
Haunt: a place much frequented	Lethality: n. causing or capable of causing death
Eradicate: to get rid of or remove completely	Biological warfare: warfare in which disease-producing microorganisms and bacteria are used to cause death or injury to humans, animals, or plants
Quarantine: a period of time during which one suspected of carrying a contagious disease is isolated	Antidote: an agent that counteracts a poison
Breathing down my neck: giving me pressure	To have the situation well at hand: to be in control
To be busted: to be discovered guilty of a crime	Hot shot: n. slang. A person of impressive or often aggressive skill