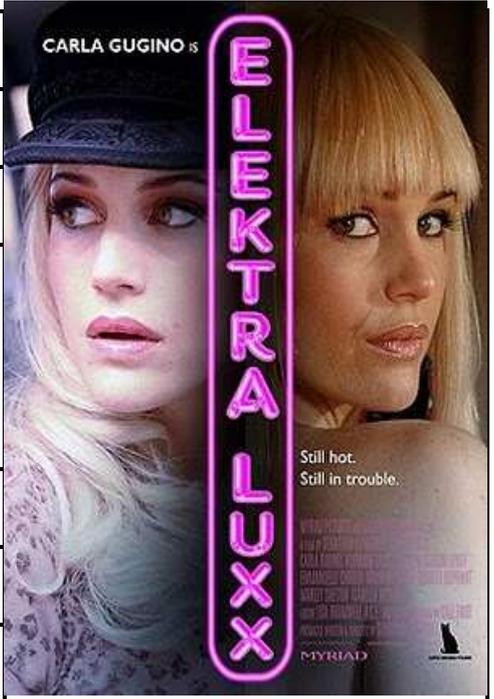


ELEKTRA LUXX. ACTIVITIES

FILM	Elektra Luxx	
MOVIE SCENE	An unexpected visit	
SCENE LENGTH	00:05:25	
ACTIVITIES	1.- Comprehension questions. 2.- Reading activity : The Plot 3.- Use of English: a) It takes..... b) It came to me..... b) Picture description. Expressing contrast.	
VIEW the SCENE	http://eslmoviescenes.blogspot.com/2011/07/elektra-luxx.html	
LANGUAGE	English	
LEVEL	Upper-intermediate / Advanced.	

ACTIVITIES

1.- QUESTIONS : After watching the movie scene and reading both the script and the plot (if necessary) answer the following questions:

Click on this link to find the plot and the text:

https://docs.google.com/a/laarboleda.es/viewer?a=v&pid=explorer&chrome=true&srcid=0Bx5WyRnRZ7UCNmU2YTdmY2UtZDY2ZC00NzZILTgzNjMtNDZiZWY2Zjc4NGUx&hl=en_US

- 1.- Why does Rebecca visit Elektra?
- 2.- What does Rebecca do for a living?
- 3.- How did they first meet?
- 4.- What do you know about Elektra's professional career?
- 5.- What made Rebecca change her mind about her new book?
- 6.- What agreement do Rebecca and Elektra reach in the end?

2.- USE OF ENGLISH

a) It takes.....

→ Have a look at the text of the scene and you'll find this expression 4 times.

- I became intrigued with how positive you remain even having led such a sordid life. **It takes** more than willpower. **It takes** gusto to remain that stubborn.
- You know, they say all **it takes** to survive bad fortune is decent manners. But good fortune, **that takes** character.

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→ Explain in your own words what **it takes** means. Find at least a synonym or phrase which fits equally into the same sentences.

→ Find here some more examples where **it takes** is used:

- It takes time and an open mind to get used to living in a foreign country.
- It takes at least two people to argue.
- It takes lots of training and vocation to become a good nurse or teacher
- It takes lots of experience and knowledge to get a leading position in this company.

→ Write your own sentences

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b) “It came to me...”

REBECCA..... Swell title, by the way.

ELEKTRA : Thank you. **It came to me** while I was in the shower.

It came to me means that I thought of an idea (the translation into Spanish would be: se me ocurrió)

→ Some other ways to express the same idea are:

- Come into sb’s head/mind
- Flashed across/into sb’s brain/mind
- Hit sb
- Occur to sb.
- Pop into sb’s head
- Strike sb.

Write 3 sentences to express that something came to you. Use different verb phrases from the list above
Next, translate them into Spanish

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c) Idioms: Find in the following text an idiom which means: to have enough money to cover expenses; to get by financially; to get through the pay period (sufficient to meet the next payday).

Recently retired from the adult film industry, superstar Elektra Luxx (Carla Gugino) is pregnant with the child of late rock star Nick Chapel. She is trying to make ends meet by teaching a community college sex education class aimed at housewives when a figure from her past, flight attendant Cora (Marley Shelton), approaches her with a proposition. In exchange for the (stolen) lyrics to Nick Chapel's last record, all of which is about Elektra, Cora needs Elektra to seduce her fiancée. Elektra reluctantly agrees to do this favor, setting in motion a series of hilarious events which will see her come face to face with detectives, sex bloggers, emotionally unstable neighbors and the Virgin Mary herself as she wrestles with the prospect of motherhood and tries to become a person of substance.

3.- PICTURE DESCRIPTION.- HOW TO EXPRESS CONTRAST.

3.- ELEKTRA AND REBECCA. Write 10 sentences using the contrast forms (**but, however, and unlike**) as well as comparatives. You can base your sentences on both physical appearance and personality traits.



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