

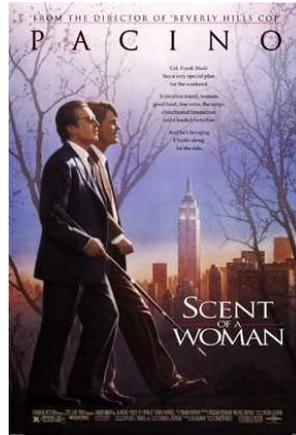


# THE “SAYONARA BYEBYE” BLOG



## “SCENT OF A WOMAN”, (A MOVIE STARRING AL PACINO) MOVIE REVIEWS.

Recently, 2-3 English course watched the movie “Scent of a Woman”. It is an excellent movie, and I think many students enjoyed it. All the students wrote a review of the movie, and here are some of the best ones.....



I watched “Scent of a Woman”. This movie became one of my favourite movies. There are many reasons. Firstly, because Al Pacino’s acting was very good. Secondly, because the friendship between Frank and Charlie was beautiful. Thirdly, because all the characters were so lovely, and finally because there were many impressive scenes. For example, the scene where Charlie stopped Frank from committing suicide, and the scene where Frank gave the speech for saving Charlie.

However, the biggest reason for me liking the movie is that this movie told me the importance of being needed by other people. At first, I thought Frank hated people. However, in the middle of the movie, I found that sometimes he looked sad. He seemed to be sad when feeling nobody needed him. He lost his eyesight, and he couldn’t live without other people’s help. So he was afraid of being a nuisance. Also, he had a sorrow not to be needed. Actually, when being stopped from killing himself by Charlie, a teardrop fell from his eye. After that, his eyes were shining with confidence and kindness.

I learned that people can be confident when someone needs them, and when people are confident they can be kind to people. It is a very important thing.

So “Scent of a Woman” became one of my favourite movies.

**By Moe (2-3 English course).**

I had never watched this movie. So I was excited to watch it. I felt that Frank was scary at first. He had a loud voice, and his words were vulgar. I thought that he would be a short-tempered person. On the other hand, I thought that Charlie was a timid, faithful young man.

It was the point of this movie how the encounter of these two people changed each other’s life. The scene of this movie that I remembered most was the speech that Frank did at school for

Charlie. As for me, the love from the speech of Frank to Charlie was felt. When his speech ended, and other students clapped their hands for him, I was impressed.

I thought this movie was a good movie. In addition, I was impressed with Al Pacino's performance. He actually can see, but he was like a real blind person when he played this role. I want to watch other movies in which he appears, if I have a chance.

**By Rul (2-3 English course).**

In the last scene, the students jumping for joy was exciting. The act of the Principal threatening a student was not good. If Charlie's friends were courageous, they could have said "We did it", but they didn't say it. Charlie said "I can not say", not "I didn't look". He didn't tell a lie at any time. So I think that the students could understand because of the speech by Frank.

Charlie is smart but he is weak. He doesn't like his rich friends, but he is envious. I sympathized with his character, so I liked him. Frank has more faults than strong points. However, Charlie and the encounter resulted in changes to Frank's personal character. I think it enhanced his good points, because of his fantastic speech. Charlie was pressed for a confession, because of what he had "seen", and Frank was driven to kill himself because of losing his sight. Their encounter was a miracle: inevitable and wonderful.

**By Misato (2-3 English course).**

This movie's title is "Scent of a Woman". "Scent of a Woman" in Japanese is "女性の香り". Why this title? Because this movies' hero loved many women, but he is blind. His name is Frank. I was shocked to know why he lost his sight.

I thought Charlie's heart was strong. If I were Charlie, I would be back soon for being afraid of Frank. Frank is bad wording, and very rude, but Charlie continued part-time to make money. However, I think Frank and Charlie became good partners.

I have a favourite scene. It is a scene of the last speech. He said "The courage which fights against various things, and the courage which protects friends in need." I think this speech teaches the right way of life as a human being.

I respect Frank and Charlie. I want to live with hope and courage like them.

**By Ayumi (2-3 English course).**



### **3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR ENGLISH ESSAYS IN PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS.**

This are the best essays I have read so far. One is by Eri from 3-3 English course. Good luck with your Kagoshima University interview Eri. You can do it! The second is by Risako also from 3-3 English course. Risako answered a particularly difficult question. Well done Risako.

Ayana wrote a fantastic essay about plastic shopping bags and the environment. Well done Ayana!

The best essay about traveling abroad was written by Kazuya. Congratulations Kazuya.

Finally, Hideyuki wrote an essay about the Olympics using some very difficult English. Good job Hideyuki.

#### **“IS A LIE ALWAYS BAD? WHY OR WHY NOT?” by Eri, (3-3).**

I think a lie is not always bad, because telling lies can encourage a person. When someone is in very low spirits and you have to tell him or her bad news, if you tell them bad news they are more disappointed and may not recover. On the contrary, if you tell him or her a lie, and bad news becomes good news, he or she will feel better and may take a positive attitude.

So I think a lie is not always bad.

#### **“IMAGINE THAT AN UFO COMES TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AN ALIEN INVITES YOU TO GO INTO SPACE, AND TRAVEL FOR THREE MONTHS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THIS INVITATION. WHEN YOU TRAVEL IN SPACE, TIME MOVES MORE SLOWLY. AFTER THREE MONTHS IN SPACE, FIVE YEARS WILL HAVE PASSED ON EARTH. ALL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL BE FIVE YEARS OLDER. DO YOU PREFER TO TRAVEL IN SPACE, EVEN IF YOU FACE THIS SITUATION? “YES” OR “NO”? PLEASE GIVE YOUR REASONS” by Risako Tateyama (3-3).**

My answer is “yes”. I have two reasons. First, I’m interested in space. I want to see a number of aliens, and I want to make friends with the aliens. Second, people can’t easily go into space. I’m a selected person, so I think that it is a wasted opportunity not to go into space. Although I’m worried about the time I come back to the planet, everyone will be five years older than me. I will be afraid of it, but it is worth going into space. If I went into space, I would enjoy it!

**“SUPERMARKETS SHOULD STOP GIVING FREE SHOPPING BAGS” by Ayana (3-3).**

I think supermarkets should stop giving free plastic shopping bags, because plastic shopping bags are not good for the environment. Some people throw away plastic shopping bags in the road, river, at the seaside etc. I heard that some sea animals eat plastic shopping bags, and mistake plastic bags for their food. It is bad for animal's health to eat them.

I suppose that we should have our own shopping bags. It is not just to protect animals from mistaking plastic bags for their food, but also we can enjoy shopping with our own cute shopping bags.

So supermarkets need not give free plastic shopping bags.

**“IF YOU SHOULD TRAVEL ABROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL BY YOURSELF OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL WITH YOUR FRIENDS? WHY?” by Kazuya (3-4).**

I think that I would like to travel with my friends, if I should travel abroad for the first time.

Of course, to travel by myself is fun when I want to travel freely, but what are you going to do if you get a challenging situation? I think that you feel that you want someone to help then.

Also, when I know new information I can share it, if I travel with my friends. It will be fun for us to travel.

So, I would like to travel with my friends.

**“DO YOU THINK PUBLIC FUNDS SHOULD BE USED TO HOST THE OLYMPIC GAMES?” by Hideyuki (3-3).**

I think public funds should not be used to host the Olympic games. Of course, hosting the Olympic games may cost a lot of money, and it is impossible for the government to spend a lot of money by itself. However, it is not rational for most citizens to be exploited through taxes. There may be people who won't engage in the Olympic games.

In conclusion, government should consider their citizens more deeply.