

Girl with a Pearl Earring



Director: Peter Webber **Year:** 2004
Starring: Colin Firth, Scarlett Johansson, Tom Wilkinson

1 • WARM-UP

a. Look at the pictures on these pages, and try to answer the following questions.

1. When do you think the film is set?

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2. Where do you think the scene takes place?

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3. Who are the main characters?

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4. What is the man's job?

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5. What do you know about the film?

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6. What do you think will happen?

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b. Discuss your hypotheses with your classmate.

2 • VOCABULARY

Match the English expressions on the left to their Italian equivalents on the right.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> base colour | a. capire |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> shadow | b. venire fuori |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> tone | c. sottilmente |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> to understand | d. colore di base |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> to glaze | e. rendere lucido |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> thinly | f. ombra |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> to show through | g. nuvole |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> clouds | h. tonalità |

3 • NOTE TAKING

Watch the scene with no sound and take as many notes as you can on the following points.

- The setting
- The characters involved
- How they are dressed
- What they are looking at
- Their ages
- The man's job
- The weather



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4 • COMPREHENSION

a. Watch the scene with the sound on and answer these questions.

1. How many characters are involved?
2. What is the girl's name?
3. What does the man do?
4. Where are they?
5. What are they talking about?
6. What colours are in the clouds?

b. Write these parts of dialogue under the appropriate frame from the scene below.

1. Nothing's the right colour.
2. This is the base colour.
3. Look, Griet.
4. Look at the clouds. What colour are they?



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c. Now watch the scene with the subtitles and check your answers.

5 • SUMMARY WRITING

Write a summary of the scene.

Use your notes and your answers to the questions in Activity 4a and temporal markers like *first, then, next, finally, at the end.*