

# GHOST

( USA, 1990)

**Genre:** thriller / romance / fantastic.

**Plot:** Sam and Molly are a very happy couple and deeply in love. Walking back to their new apartment after a night out at the theatre, they encounter a thief in a dark alley, and Sam is murdered. He finds himself trapped as a ghost and realizes that his death was no accident. He must warn Molly about the danger that she is in. But as a ghost he cannot be seen or heard by the living, and so he tries to communicate with Molly through Oda Mae Brown, a psychic who didn't even realize that her powers are real.

## ACTIVITIES

### A. Watch the scene without paying much attention to the dialogue.

- a. How many people are there? Describe them.
- b. Who are they?
- c. What are they wearing?
- d. Where are they?
- e. What can you see (apart from the main characters)?
- f. What's the weather like

### B. Tick the things which are mentioned by Oda Mae.

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| ... trousers | ... sweater  | ... picture   | ... money |
| ... building | ... starfish | ... underwear | ... house |

### C. Copy some words and expressions that you understand in the scene.

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### D. Correct the following sentences. There is a mistake in each one.

- g. (Oda Mae): I love downtown.  
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- h. (Sam): Ask her about the sweater she bought.  
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- i. (Oda Mae): He kept me up all night talking.  
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### E. Finish the following sentences.

- a. (Molly): That's how he got me to go .....
- b. (Oda Mae): He just asked me to tell you that .....
- c. (Oda Mae): I can't see him. I can .....
- d. (Sam): I'm holding .....

### F. Order the dialogue without watching the scene and then check it.

- ..... (Sam): Say "ditto".
- ..... (Oda Mae): If you think I'm here for my health, you're crazy.
- ..... (Molly): What are you doing? What do you think you're doing to me?
- ..... (Molly): Sam's dead, OK? He's dead.
- ..... (Oda Mae): He says he loves you.
- ..... (Sam): Tell her I love her.
- ..... (Oda Mae): What the hell is "ditto"?
- ..... (Molly): Sam would never say that.

### G. The film is set in the USA. There are some differences in vocabulary between British and American English. Match the American words with the British words.

- | American words | British words         |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| a. closet      | 1. ground floor       |
| b. downtown    | 2. trainers           |
| c. first floor | 3. cupboard, wardrobe |
| d. pants       | 4. trousers           |
| e. sneakers    | 5. pavement           |
| f. sidewalk    | 6. town centre        |