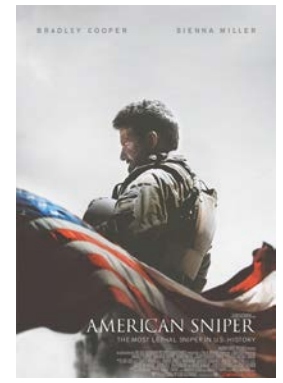


## Movies & Languages 2015-2016

### *American Sniper*



**About the movie** (subtitled version)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	C. Eastwood
<b>YEAR/COUNTRY</b>	2014 / USA
<b>GENRE</b>	Drama, Biographical
<b>ACTORS</b>	B. Cooper, S. Miller, L. Grimes, J. McDorman, K. Gallner

### PLOT

Directed by Clint Eastwood and written by Jason Hall this film is loosely based on the memoir *American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History* (2012) by Chris Kyle, who became the deadliest marksman in U.S. military history with 255 kills from four tours in the Iraq War. While Kyle was celebrated for his military successes, his tours of duty took a heavy toll on his personal and family life.

The world premier was on November 11, 2014, with a wider release in January 2015.

The film became a major success and received mostly positive reviews from critics, with much praise going to Clint Eastwood's direction and Cooper's performance.

The film was nominated for six Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

### LANGUAGE

Standard American English, Arabic.

### GRAMMAR

#### QUESTION TAGS

Question tags consist of an auxiliary verb and a personal pronoun. There are a few basic rules:

1. If there is an auxiliary (**do, be, have**) or modal auxiliary verb in the main clause, it is repeated in the question tag. For example:

*He hasn't eaten yet, **has he?***

*She should be in bed by now, **shouldn't she?***

2. If there is an ordinary verb in the main clause, **do** is in the question tag. For example:

*You know how to speak English, **don't you?** (Present)*

*They went to California last year, **didn't they?** (Past)*

*He had a heart attack last year, **didn't he?** (Past – have as ordinary verb)*

3. Normally an affirmative statement has a negative question tag and vice versa. For example:

*You're coming, **aren't you?***

*He doesn't like jazz, **does he?***

4. I am is followed by the question tag **aren't I?** For example: *I'm stupid, **aren't I?***
5. After an imperative, **will you?** or **would you?** are the most common forms. **Will you?** Is the only form possible after a negative imperative. For example:
- Pay attention, **will you?**                      Don't be late, **will you?***  
*Shut the door, **would you?***
6. Negative expressions like **no, nothing, nowhere and nobody** in the main clause are followed by affirmative question tag. For example:
- He takes no interest in his studies, **does he?***
7. **Somebody/someone, everybody/everyone and nobody/no-one** are followed by **they** in a question tag. For example.
- Nobody called, **did they?***  
*Everybody was happy, **weren't they?***
8. **Nothing/anything** in the main clause is followed by **it** in a question tag. For example:
- Nothing could be finer, **could it?***  
*Anything could happen now, **couldn't it?***

#### VOCABULARY

<b>Sniper:</b> a person who shoots a weapon at his enemy without exposing himself	<b>Pissed off:</b> very angry
<b>Your call:</b> your decision to make	<b>Knocked me up:</b> made me pregnant
<b>Tour:</b> short term of military activity	<b>ROE:</b> military rules of engagement
<b>Piss:</b> urine	<b>Seals:</b> expert military both on sea and land
<b>Hick:</b> somebody considered ignorant about behaving in urban settings	<b>Sitting ducks:</b> easy targets
<b>Bro:</b> brother	<b>Intel:</b> intelligence
<b>It's clear:</b> it's safe, it's secure, there's nobody	<b>Corpsman:</b> a type of military nurse/medic
<b>Stand down:</b> back off, retreat	<b>I got you:</b> I'm going to take care of you in your situation
<b>Convoy:</b> a protective force for escorting persons or things	<b>Get laid:</b> have sex
<b>To vet:</b> to inspect or examine carefully	