

# Movies & Languages 2016-2017

## Steve Jobs

**About the movie** (subtitled version)

<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Danny Boyle
<b>YEAR / COUNTRY</b>	2015 / USA
<b>GENRE</b>	Biography / Drama
<b>ACTORS</b>	Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet, Seth Rogen, Jeff Daniels, Michael Stuhlbarg



### PLOT

This film is a biography and drama re-enacting a period in the life of Steve Jobs and the Steve Jobs era of Apple. The film is structured into three parts covering 1984-1998, with each part taking place immediately prior to the launch of a key product – the Apple Macintosh, the NeXT computer and the iMac.

With public anticipation running high, Apple Inc. co-founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak unveil the first Macintosh in 1984. Along with the problems surrounding the launch Jobs must also deal with personal issues related to ex-girlfriend Chrisann Brennan and their young daughter Lisa. Jobs is eventually fired and goes on to create NeXT Inc. and prepares to launch a new computer model in 1988.

Ten years later, Jobs is back at Apple Inc. and about to revolutionize the computer industry again with the iMac.

The film opened nationwide in the U.S. on October 23, 2015 to critical acclaim. Fassbender and Winslet both received nominations for Best Actor and Best Supporting Actress, respectively, at the 88<sup>th</sup> Academy Awards.

### LANGUAGE

Standard American English, some slang, some profanity.

### GRAMMAR

#### GET

Get has the following meanings:

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| 1. Obtain / buy                  | I <b>got</b> this shirt from Harrods                          |
| 2. Receive / be given            | I <b>got</b> an email from Frank yesterday                    |
| 3. Become                        | It's <b>getting</b> late. Shall we stop now?                  |
| 4. Move / arrive                 | I <b>got</b> into Sales many years ago. I get to work at nine |
| 5. Bring to a place / fetch      | Can I <b>get</b> you a coffee?                                |
| 6. Understand                    | I'm sorry but I don't <b>get</b> it                           |
| 7. Persuade                      | We tried to <b>get</b> them to agree, but they refused        |
| 8. Travel by / catch (transport) | I <b>got</b> a taxi from the airport                          |

Examples:

- Mr. Bezos said Amazon had lost a lot of money on its investments in both living.com and pets.com. The idea was to **get** in quickly and stick your claim to a particular market sector (get=move)

2. Make sure your promises won't **get** you into trouble (get=bring)
3. You need to **get** connected to the Internet in Moscow! (get=become)
4. Did you **get** what went wrong the car? (get=understand).

VOCABULARY

<b>Nip in the bud:</b> to prevent a problem at an early stage from becoming bigger	<b>To piss off someone:</b> to disturb another person or make them angry
<b>Cut it:</b> cancel it	<b>A hovel:</b> a small house unfit to live in
<b>A slut:</b> a woman is slovenly or sexually immoral	<b>Without malice:</b> without evil intentions
<b>Chip on your shoulder:</b> holding a grudge against somebody	<b>Upshot:</b> final result or outcome
<b>If we blow this:</b> if we fail	<b>Demo:</b> demonstration of a device or machine
<b>Hardware:</b> physical aspects of a computer	<b>Software:</b> encoded information or computer instructions
<b>Stampede:</b> sudden rush or mass movement of animals or people	<b>Dylan:</b> relating to Bob Dylan
<b>Screw it up:</b> make a failure	<b>OS:</b> operating system
<b>To downsize:</b> to fire or lay-off employees to reduce expenses	<b>Edsel:</b> a notoriously flawed automobile made by Ford
<b>Brain drain:</b> when talented people leave a company or country	<b>Horsing around:</b> acting silly or unserious