

## Reading and listening

### A spy story

Who is James Bond? What do you know about him?

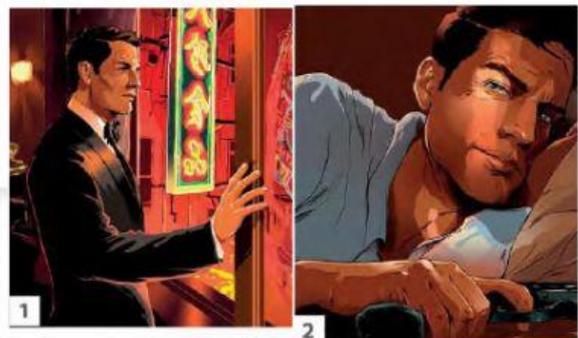
These are all posters for James Bond films. Have you seen any?



Do you know any more James Bond films?  
What was the most recent Bond film?  
Do you know the translation of any of the titles  
in your language?



You are going to listen to an extract from the *The Man with the Golden Gun*. Cover the story and look at the pictures. What can you guess about the story?





Answer the questions about listening

Name the people in the pictures. Where are they?  
 How did Mary Goodnight get into the room?  
 Why did she come to find James Bond?  
 Where did they go to talk?  
 What did Scaramanga say? What did he do?

Read the story. Find the lines in the text that go with each picture.

## THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN

**James Bond** got back to his hotel room at midnight. The windows were closed and the air-conditioning was on. Bond switched it off and opened the windows. His heart was still thumping in his chest. He breathed in the air with relief, then he had a shower and went to bed.

At 3.30 he was dreaming, not very peacefully, of three black-coated men with red eyes and angry white teeth. Suddenly, he woke up. He listened. There was a noise. It was coming from the window. Someone was moving behind the curtain. James Bond took his gun from under his pillow, got quietly out of bed, and crept slowly along the wall towards the window. Someone was breathing heavily behind the curtain. Bond pulled it back with one quick movement ... golden hair shone in the moonlight.

'Mary Goodnight!' Bond cursed. 'What the hell are you doing here?'

'Quick, James! Help me in!', Mary whispered urgently.

Bond put down his gun and tried to pull her through the open window. At the last moment, the window banged shut with a noise like a gunshot. Bond cursed again.

Mary Goodnight whispered, 'I'm terribly sorry, James!' 'Sh! Sh!' said Bond. He quickly led her across the room to the bathroom. First, he turned on the light then the shower. They sat down together on the side of the bath.

Bond asked again, 'What the hell are you doing here? What's the matter?'

'James, I was so worried. A "Most Immediate" message came from HQ this evening. A top KGB man, using the name Hendriks, is staying in this hotel. He knows you're here. He's looking for you!'

'I know,' said Bond. 'Hendriks is here all right. So is a gunman called Scaramanga. Mary, did HQ say if they have a description of me?'

'No, they don't. They just have your name, Secret Agent James Bond.'

'Thanks, Mary. Now, I must get you out of here. Don't worry about me, just tell HQ that you gave me the message, OK?'

'OK, James.' Mary Goodnight stood up and looked into his eyes, 'Please take care, James.'

'Sure, sure.' Bond turned off the shower and opened the bathroom door. 'Now, come on!'

Suddenly, a voice came from the darkness of the bedroom: 'This is not your lucky day, Mr Bond. Come here both of you and put your hands up!'

Scaramanga walked to the door and turned on the lights. His golden gun was pointing directly at James Bond.

Look at the sentences and say are they true or false.

James Bond felt happy to be back in his hotel room.

Bond was dreaming about Mary Goodnight.

A man with a gun woke Bond at 3.30 a.m.

Bond was very pleased to see Mary Goodnight.

Bond's gun went off while he was pulling Mary through the window.

They talked while the shower was going.

Bond knew that Hendriks was looking for him.

Bond was trying to help Mary get out of the hotel.

## What do you think?

Discuss the following questions:

- 1 Who is Scaramanga? Is he ... ?
  - an assassin hired to kill James Bond
  - the leader of a terrorist group
  - a poker player who lost his money to James Bond
- 2 Who is Mary Goodnight? Is she ... ?
  - James Bond's girlfriend
  - in fact working for Scaramanga
  - a secret agent like James Bond
- 3 What happens next in the story? Does Scaramanga ... ?
  - kill James Bond and Mary
  - capture James Bond and Mary
  - capture Mary and take her to a secret island
- 4 What happens in the end?
  - James Bond escapes but Mary is killed.
  - Scaramanga is hurt but escapes with Mary.
  - James Bond saves the world and gets the girl.

 **Watch** a video about another story which was turned into a famous film, *Titanic*.

