

LESSON 4 – LISTENING SECTION 3

Katie: Joe, you know I'm _____ in our film studies class next week?

Joe: Yes.

Katie: Well, could we discuss it? I could _____ getting someone else's opinion.

Joe: Of course, Katie. What are you going to talk about?

Katie: It's about _____ of Shakespeare's plays. I've got very interested in all the different approaches that _____.

Joe: Uhuh.

Katie: So I thought I'd start with Giannetti, who's a professor of film and literature, and in one of his books he _____ a straightforward _____ of film adaptations based on _____ they are to the original plays and novels.

Joe: Right.

Katie: I've already made some notes on that, so I just need to _____ before the presentation. I thought that next I'd ask the class to come up with the worst examples of _____ that they've seen, and to say why. That should be more fun than having their favorite versions.

Joe: Yes, I can certainly think of a couple!

Katie: Right. Next I want to talk about Rachel Malchow. I _____ something on the internet about her work on film adaptations, and I was thinking of showing some film clips to _____.

Joe: Will you have enough time, though? Both to prepare during the presentation? After all, I doubt if you'll be able to find all the clips you want.

Katie: Hmm. Perhaps you're right. OK, well, I'd better _____ instead, saying how various films _____ what she says. That should _____.

Joe: Mmm.

Katie: Next I want to talk about how plays _____ adaptation because they're _____ the issues of the time when the film is made.

Joe: You mean things like _____, or _____ governments?

Katie: Exactly. It's quite _____, but I've got a few ideas I'd like to discuss.

Katie: And finally I want to talk about a few adaptations that I think illustrate _____ approaches, and make some _____ them. Do you know the Japanese film *Ran*?

Joe: I haven't seen it. It _____ Shakespeare's *King Lear*, _____?

Katie: That's right. It was a very _____, using the same situation and story, but moving it to 16th century Japan instead of 16th century Britain. So for example the king's daughters become sons, because in Japanese culture at that time, women couldn't _____.

Joe: OK. I hope you're going to talk about the 1993 film of *Much Ado About Nothing*. I think that's one of the best Shakespeare films. It really _____, doesn't it?

Katie: Yes, I agree. And I think filming in Italy, where _____, makes you see what life was like _____ the play.

Joe: Absolutely. Right, what's next?

Katie: Er, next, I thought *Romeo & Juliet*, the 1996 film, which _____ into the present day.

Joe: Yes, it worked really well, I thought – changing the two _____ in the original to two competing _____, even though they're speaking in the English of the original play.

Katie: You'd expect it would sound really _____, but I found I soon _____ it.

Joe: Me too.

Katie: Then I thought I'd include a real Hollywood film, one that's _____ to a _____ audience.

Joe: There must be quite a number of those.

Katie: Yes, but I've picked the 1996 film of *Hamlet*. It included _____ of the text, but it's more like a _____ movie – there are loads of _____, but no _____ of the play.

Joe: All show and _____.

Katie: Exactly. Then there's *Prospero's Books*, based on *The Tempest*. That was really _____, from a _____ of view.

Joe: Didn't it include dance and singing and _____, as well as _____?

Katie: Yes, it did. I also want to _____ *Looking for Richard*. Did you ever see it?

Joe: No, but I've read about it. It was _____ a documentary _____ from *Richard III*, wasn't it?

Katie: That's right. It's more a way of _____ how people nowadays connect with the playwright – the play is really just _____. And that'll be where I finish.

Joe: Well, it sounds as though it'll be very interesting.

VOCABULARY

*TRANSLATE THOSE VOCABULARY ITEMS INTO VIETNAMESE
(Using dictionary is not recommended)*

1. **film adaptations**
2. **classification of**
3. **sort those out**
4. **Shakespeare adaptations**
5. **came across**
6. **be chosen for**
7. **concerned with**
8. **patriotism**
9. **comments on**
10. **was based on**
11. **loose adaptation**
12. **succeed to the throne**
13. **brings the play to life**
14. **where the play is set**
15. **moves the action** into the present day
16. **feuding families**
17. **business empires**
18. **bizarre**
19. **be intended to appeal**
20. **a mass commercial** audience
21. **a typical action hero** movie
22. **special effects**
23. **unifying interpretation** of the play
24. **All show and no substance**
25. **Innovative**
26. **a stylistic point** of view
27. **a blend of**
28. **looking into = investigate**