

## Inglés Intermedio 21

Film recommendation  
and grammar mistakes

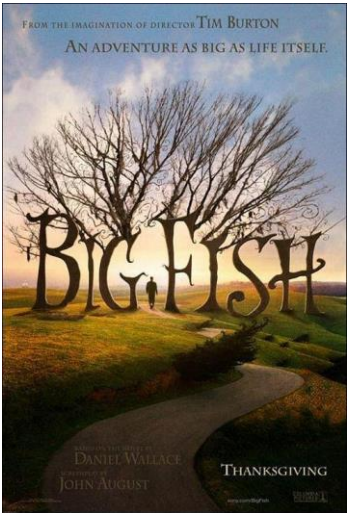


Hello guys!

Let me recommend a movie for this week. It is not a new one. In fact, it was released more than fifteen years ago. I have seen it many times and I never get tired of watching it. I think it is beautiful. I hope you like it as much as I do.

Also, some time ago, I came across an interview to a Spanish singer in which he told a beautiful story that had to do with one of the characters.

I hope you enjoy watching both, first the interview and then, the film.

I leave the <b>link</b> to the interview here →	<a href="#">El gigante de Big Fish (Leiva)</a>
And a <b>summary</b> of the plot of the film here → 	William Bloom (Billy Crudup) does not have a very good relationship with his father (Albert Finney), but after learning that he is terminally ill, he returns home to be by his side in his last moments. Once again, William will be forced to listen to him as he tells the endless stories of his youth. But, on this occasion, he will try to find out things that allow him to know his father better, although for this he will have to clearly separate reality and fantasy, elements that always appear mixed in the stories of his father. (FILMAFFINITY)

You can find the film on:      Netflix      youtube      Amazon Prime

**Homework. Grammar:** All the following sentences have grammar mistakes.  
Try to find them and write them correctly.

My boss said me I have to work on Saturday ❌

My boss told me I have to work on Saturday



I have 24 years. ❌



Your dad has phoned you an hour ago. ❌



There are always bad news in the newspapers. ❌



Nicole Kidman acts really good. ❌



Why you not hungry? ❌



My friend has a son which looks like Brad Pitt. ❌



Samantha and David are living in Spain for 9 years. ❌



Do you know when was published that book? ❌



I must to buy some milk before mum gets here. ❌



Let me give you a good advice; Never get married. ❌



I can't pass this stupid exam. I don't have vocabulary enough. ❌



I 'm not drinking alcohol. I don 't like the taste. ❌



Nearly all people in Spain likes rice. ❌



I am looking forward to receive the information as soon as possible. ❌



Elisa hasn 't never been abroad. ❌



## Answers to activities. Sesión 24

A) These are the texts that some of you have sent related to the topic "NICKNAMES"  
Thank you for sharing your work



"In my town, Cazalegas, there is a neighbor whose nickname is "uncle potato" (el tío patata). It is because he has a vegetable garden, where he plants different vegetables throughout the year, however he only talks about his potatoes. Every year he says that he will get the best harvest of potatoes. Every day of the year if you talk with him in the street of the village, he always tells you about his delicious potatoes. But the funny thing is that his children have inherited his nickname, then, they are called the little potatoes. (los patatitas). I hope that his grandchildren keep the nickname".

I don't remember any nicknames. At my school, we called the teachers for their names, but we always put the article "the" in front of their names to make it more provincial, by example "La Luisa", or "La Pepa".

I know in the towns of Toledo they are used a lot. "El cagaduros" called my attention, I don't know the translation, because this man always said that all business went well, but he was a poor man.

I have several nicknames in memory but I think that this is the best.

"Cramps" (calambres)

He was a person very moved, he walked very quickly, he danced like if had electricity in his body.

*When I was a child there was a neighbour who called me "sardinita", because my aunt was called "sardina". I didn't like that nickname and I felt ashamed when he shouted it near my friends.*

In the village where I was born there are many funny nicknames: Manolo "el largo", Angel "Faenas", Emilia "la estirá" y sus hijos "los estiraitos",...but my favourite one is Enrique "Cara Persiana". It seems difficult to imagine that a person's face can be similar to a "persiana", but if you meet Enrique I'm sure you will say that it is incredible but true.

*I am from a village in Extremadura. Every family has a nickname there. When a person dies, there is a blackboard in the church where the family writes the name and the nickname, so that, there is no doubt about the identity of the dead.*

I personally have two nicknames. I am "Chato" from my mother's family, and I am "Cuchillo" from my father's family. My best friend at school was Roberto "El Peras" because his family had a fruit store, and my first girlfriend was Rosa "la de Aspirina" because her father owned the drugstore of the village.

*In my village there is a family that we call "Los Picharrota". I don't know the origin of this nickname but I have always been curious about it.*

*Other nicknames that I remember are: "Cara bombilla", "Cabeza clavo", "Rumbita" and "Melindres". My family nickname is "Viruta", because my grandfather was a carpenter.*

## B) Tips for English learners.

### 1. Find in the text words whose meaning matches the expressions below:

observe, pay attention: notice

search: look for

effective, helpful: useful

make or become better: improve

abilities: skills

enthusiasm: motivation

start to be something: become

### 2. Pronunciation. The English "th" has two possible sounds:

The sound /ð/ is similar to the Spanish sound "d": the, this, brother,

The sound /θ/ is similar to the Spanish sound "z": both, thing, thanks

Find in the text 3 words with the sound /ð/ and 3 words with the sound /θ/:

/ð/: there, they, themselves /θ/: with, things, think

### 3. In your own words, write a sentence or an expression with the same meaning as the ones given:

don't be afraid of making mistakes: don't worry if you make a mistake

do group activities: work in a group enjoy the process: have fun while working

it's never too late: there is always time to... useful words: words that help

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**Link to a web page where you can practice English by answering questions in order to guess a character.**

