

Movie English

Answers

Questions about Shallow Hal

1. Who are the stars of the movie?

Jack Black / Gwyneth Paltrow / Jason Alexander

2. What does "shallow" mean?

Not deep / only cares about appearances or unimportant things

3. What's your definition of "beauty"?

4. Who is the most beautiful/handsome person you can think of? What makes them attractive?

5. Describe 2 of the characters in the movie (besides Hal).

a. Rosemary Shanahan

b. Mauricio

c. Tony Robbins

d. Steve Shanahan

e. Walt

f. Li'l Boy

6. What do these idioms/saying mean?

a. Beauty is only skin deep (A person's character is more important than their appearance)

b. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder (Everybody has a different standard or idea of what beauty is)

c. Taking a joy in living is a woman's best cosmetic

(Enjoying your life is the best way to be attractive)

d. Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart

What makes you beautiful
is your kind and warm heart

7. Who does Hal meet in the elevator? And what does he tell Hal?

Tony Robbins / He hypnotizes Hal (tells him to look at a woman's "inner beauty")

8. What are some synonyms for "fat"? For beautiful?

(Fat)

heavy / chubby / pudgy / plump /
obese / overweight / tubby

(Beautiful)

pretty / attractive / lovely /
good-looking / gorgeous /
comely / hot

9. What's the movie about?

10. How does "Shallow Hal" compare to the Korean movie "200 pounds beauty" (미녀는 괴로워)?

11. What do you think of plastic surgery? What are the pros and cons?

Pros

Cons

1- Look Better

1- Expensive

2- Gives you more confidence

2- Dangerous side effects

3- Improves your job prospects

3- Addictive

4- Lose your individuality

12. What's body shaming? (Give an example)

Insulting somebody because of their appearance
(You're too Fat!)

13. Match the words and meanings

1. hypnotize h

2. shallow d

3. ideal b

4. to dump j

5. going out with f

6. obsessed n.

7. hotties l.

8. naaah i

9. self-esteem e.

10. promotion c.

11. picky a.

12. courtesy k.

13. cuckoo m.

14. guru g.

a. high standards (for example, about food or dating partners)

b. perfect

c. a better job in the company

d. you only see the outside (for example, a person's appearance)

e. how you feel about yourself

f. dating

g. teacher

h. to put somebody under a spell (suggest things to them)

i. No!

j. to end a relationship

k. politeness

l. really handsome guys or beautiful women

m. crazy

n. can't stop thinking about or doing (_____ with)

13. Did you like the movie? Why or why not? Rate the movie from 1-10 (1=Terrible/10=Great)

Checking Fluency and Comprehension

A. Mark these statements true (T) or false (F). Do not look back at the text.

- ☐ F 1. This article is mainly about the cost of plastic surgery.
- ☐ F 2. Parents in Korea are against their children having surgery.
- ☐ F 3. Plastic surgery is popular in China, but not in Thailand.
- ☐ T 4. Plastic surgery is a way to show you have money.
- ☐ T 5. Some people get plastic surgery to become more successful.

B. Check your answers with a partner. Record your score on page 193.

Expanding Vocabulary

A. Synonyms are words with a similar meaning. Look in the passage to find synonyms of the words below.

- 1. continuously constantly (par. 2)
- 2. operation surgery (par. 3)
- 3. looking for seeking (par. 4)
- 4. successful prosperous (par. 7)
- 5. achieving attaining (par. 8)
- 6. improved enhanced (par. 8)

B. Fill in the blanks with the synonyms you wrote in A. Be sure to use the correct forms.

1. He is a good businessman who runs a prosperous company.
2. Eyelid surgery is a very common procedure in many countries.
3. I'm currently seeking employment as a waiter.
4. It rained constantly for five straight days before the sun finally came out.
5. The best way to attain our goal is to work together.
6. This laptop has a/an enhanced screen, which is why it costs more.

What's Your Opinion?

Discuss the questions.

1. Is plastic surgery popular in your country? If so, what kinds of procedures are popular?
2. In what situations do you think plastic surgery is acceptable?
3. In what situations do you think plastic surgery is unacceptable?
4. What is one physical trait you would never change about yourself?
5. How do you feel about aging? Will it be important for you to look young, even as you get older?

Increasing Fluency

X Read the paragraph quickly; don't stop to think about the missing words. Mark the statements below true (T) or false (F).

Looking Young

As we get older, we'll do anything to still look XXXXX. Youth and beauty are XXXXX in our society. As a result, there are many ways people can try to XXXXX their young looks. For example, we have many XXXXX, such as anti-aging creams and lotions that will prevent skin XXXXX by the sun. Also, we have XXXXX to hide wrinkles, add color, and give our skin a healthy, young appearance. Finally, for some people, cosmetic XXXXX is the solution!

- 1. Looking young is important to some people.
- 2. Skin damage from the sun may make us look older.
- 3. We don't have many products to help us hide our age.
- 4. Plastic surgery is the most common way to look younger.