

QUIET CARRIAGE

A man finds a woman's phone call on the train disrespectful.

Before watching: Read through the **glossary** to familiarize yourself with the expressions

I can hear you	<i>Jag hör dig</i>
shut up	<i>(slang) lägg av</i>
disrespectful	<i>respektlös</i>
obviously	<i>uppenbart</i>
Shetland pony	<i>Shetlandsponny</i>
disgusting	<i>äckligt</i>
parrot	<i>papegoja</i>
gluten free	<i>glutenfri</i>
argument	<i>(här) diskussion</i>
commuter	<i>pendlare</i>
day tripper	<i>dagresenär</i>
rule number one	<i>regel nummer ett</i>
backpack	<i>ryggsäck</i>
stop	<i>(här) station</i>
What are the chances?	<i>Vad är oddsen?</i>
to play out	<i>spela till slutet / låta gå över</i>
to handle	<i>att hantera</i>
to annull	<i>att annullera, upphäva</i>
textbook	<i>ett skolexempel</i>
completely	<i>helt och hållet, totalt</i>
ounce	<i>uns</i>
decorum	<i>värdighet, anständighet</i>
aspirations	<i>strävan, längtan</i>
inane	<i>meningslös, korkad</i>
endless	<i>ändlös</i>
twaddle	<i>babbel</i>
quiet carriage	<i>tyst vagn</i>
next one over	<i>nästa</i>
weirdo	<i>knäppis</i>
embarrassment	<i>(här) pinsam</i>



While watching: Pause the movie at **2:33** and discuss together in the group:

1. Who is Derek?
2. What is happening to him?
3. What do you think will happen?

After watching: Read through the questions below and answer them.

A. Answer these questions for yourself:

1. Who is Derek talking to through the most part of the movie?
2. Who do you think Derek is?

B. Answer these questions in pairs:

1. Describe Derek and the woman talking on the phone. Why do you think Derek is so bothered by her?
2. Who do you think the woman on the phone is? Who do you think she is talking to? What do you think about people talking loudly on the phone in public transportation? Why do you think that?

C. Answer these questions in the whole group:

1. Do you think Derek's reaction was in place or do you think he reacted too strongly? Can you think of any ways he could have reacted differently?
2. The woman on the phone kept mentioning the words "disrespect" and "disrespectful". Who do you think was the one being disrespectful in the movie?
3. What do you think is the message of the movie? What do you think the film makers want us to feel after having watched it and why do you think so?



What to do next...

Choose one or more out of the following exercises to work with.

- Discuss with friends: What situations have you been in where you got really angry at someone? What did you do? How did you react? Did you say something to the other person? If so, what were their reaction?
- Discuss with friends: Are there situations when talking on the phone is out of line or inappropriate? Which situations do you think are not suitable for talking on the phone? Why do you think so? Twenty years ago, people did not have mobile phones. Do you think situations were different when people could not talk on the phone publicly? Why do you think so?
- Discuss in smaller groups: What different situations can you think of when you would find someone very disrespectful? How could you resolve that situation? Talk it through first and discuss different solutions. Now reenact a scene in front of the whole group where you try to resolve such a situation.
- Turn the movie into a comic strip but try to narrow it down to only five squares. Which are the most important scenes to keep? How can you deliver the message of the movie in so few squares? What is important to keep and what can you cut? How do you show Derek's feelings about the woman on the phone?

Deeper discussions

“Quiet carriage” takes place on a train in England.

- What do you know about special carriages in trains? The movie is called quiet carriage. What is that? What other carriages are there?
- Derek is a commuter. How does commuting work? See if you can find any facts on how many people commute in different countries and how it works. Compare for example commuting in England to commuting in Sweden, the U.S. and Japan. Can you spot any similarities? Any differences?
- What do you know about the London underground? When was it first built? What did they find when building it? Why did they build it? Which are the key stations of the lines? How many lines are there? Between what places do they stretch? How many people use the underground system every day? Has it ever been closed and if so, why? Was the underground ever used for anything else but transportation, and if so what?
- In the movie, we can see Derek on a couch watching football. What do you know about the football culture in England? Why is it so important to the English? Which famous teams and players are there? Look into it some more and learn about it.
- Did you know many people see it as a fun thing to listen in on people’s conversations in the public transportation system? Go on the internet and look for overheard conversations in the English public transportation system. There are quite many. Which ones did you think were funny?

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