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Other Bond memories include Bond girl Jill Masterson, played by English actress Shirley Eaton, as a gold painted corpse or the metal teeth of Jaws, Bond's towering foe played by Richard Kiel in 1977's *'The Spy Who Loved Me'* and *'Moonraker'* in 1979. The former also featured the unforgettable Lotus Esprit driving under the sea and emerging onto the beach.

(See page 2 for the top 50 list)

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Licensed to thrill - the top 50 favourites		
1	Aston Martin DB5	Goldfinger/Thunderball
2	Oddjob's bowler hat	Goldfinger
3	Martini shaken, not stirred	
4	Jetpack	Thunderball
5	Speedboat jump	Live And Let Die
6	Scaramanga's gun	The Man With The Golden Gun
7	Gun barrel title sequences	
8	Aston Martin DBS	Casino Royale
9	Jaws's teeth	The Spy Who Loved Me/Moonraker
10	Little Nellie autogyro	You Only Live Twice
11	Underwater Lotus Esprit	Live And Let Die
12	Walther PPK pistol	
13	Bond's dinner suit	
14	Homing device lighter	Live And Let Die
15	Rolex with laser	Never Say Never Again
16	Blofeld's white cat	
17	Acid-squirting pen	Octopussy
18	Lock-opening credit card	View To A Kill
19	Rosa Klebb's shoe blade	From Russia With Love
20	Invisible Aston Martin Vanquish	Die Another Day
21	Flying snowmobile	The World Is Not Enough
22	Honey Ryder's bikini	Dr No
23	Jill Masterton's gold painted death	Goldfinger
24	Goldfinger's vintage Rolls-Royce	
25	Gondola hovercraft	Moonraker
26	Fountain-pen gun	Never Say Never Again
27	Double-decker bus car chase	Live And Let Die
28	Blofeld's one-man escape submarine	Diamonds Are Forever
29	Goldfinger's industrial laser	
30	Fake fingerprint that peels off	Diamonds Are Forever
31	Man-swallowing sofa	The Living Daylights
32	Watch with laser and detonator	GoldenEye
33	Rolex Submariner watch	Dr No
34	Grenade-firing gun	GoldenEye
35	Villain's watch garrotte	From Russia With Love
36	Motorised Rickshaw	Octopussy
37	Exploding toothpaste	Licence To Kill
38	Surveillance hot-air balloon	Octopussy
39	Rolex with magnet	Live And Let Die
40	Tee Hee's mechanical arm	Live And Let Die
41	Homing device pill	Thunderball
42	Lift with knock-out gas	Diamonds Are Forever
43	Mini rocket cigarette	You Only Live Twice
44	BMW 23 with tracking system	GoldenEye
45	Daniel Craig's trunks	Casino Royale
46	AMC flying car	The Man With The Golden Gun
47	Seiko detonator watch	Moonraker
48	Wrist dart gun	Moonraker
49	Cheat's backgammon dice	Octopussy
50	Ski pole gun	The Spy Who Loved Me/Moonraker

EXERCISES

1. **James Bond:** What three things do you know about James Bond? Go round the room swapping details with others.

2. **Dictation:** The teacher will read four to six lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self-correct your work from page one - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than five is very good. Ten is acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than twenty - you need to do some work!

3. **Reading:** The students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

4. **Vocabulary:** Students should now look through the article and underline any vocabulary they do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through and explain any unknown words or phrases.

5. **The article:** Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the article?
- c) **Discuss the top 50 list.**

6. **007:** In pairs choose your favourite actors who have played James Bond. Then add your top five Bond films. Write them below. Discuss together.

James Bond actors	Your top five Bond films
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

7. **Let's roleplay 1:** In pairs/groups. One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Radio 1* studio in London. Today's interview is about: *Top 50 James Bond memories*.

1	James Bond	3	Michael G. Wilson
3	One of Bond's villains	4	A moviegoer

8. **Let's think!** In pairs. On the board write as many words as you can to do with **James Bond**. *One-two minutes*. Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

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9. Let's roleplay 2: In pairs. You are in a pub in London talking. You are with a friend. Start a conversation about: *James Bond, his cars, the villains, and the Bond girls*. 5-minutes.

10. Let's do 'The Article Quiz': Have the students quiz each other in pairs. They score a point for each correct answer and half a point each time they have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

Student A

- 1) Who is 007?
- 2) Name three actors who played James Bond.
- 3) What is a bikini?
- 4) Who was in the white bikini?
- 5) Which actress played the girl in the white bikini?

Student B

- 1) Where did the Lotus Esprit emerge from?
- 2) Who played Jaws?
- 3) Who played the gold painted corpse?
- 4) What happens in the opening sequence of 'The Spy Who Loved Me'?
- 5) In which Bond movie did we see a flying speedboat?

11. 007: In pairs fill in the following... Discuss together.

Your top five Bond memories	Your top five gadgets
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
Your top five Bond girls	Your top five villains
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
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The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

12. Presentation: In pairs, groups or individually: Prepare in class or at home a two minute presentation on: **Top James Bond moments**. Stand at the front of the class to give your presentation to the class. The class can vote on the best presentation. Class – After the presentations go through the good and weak points on each presentation. Learn from the results.

13. Let's write an e-mail: Write and send a 200 word e-mail to your teacher about: **Top James Bond moments**. Your e-mail can be read out in class.

14. Sentence starters: Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) James Bond _____
- b) My favourite Bond is _____
- c) My favourite villain is _____

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Which are your favourite cars in Bond movies?
- 3) What is your favourite invention in a Bond movie?
- 4) Explain who 'M' & 'Q' are.
- 5) Who is Moneypenny?
- 6) What makes Bond so appealing over 50 years?
- 7) Which is your favourite opening sequence in a Bond movie?
- 8) Which is your favourite Bond theme?
- 9) Which is the best stunt in a Bond movie?
- 10) Would you like to be in a Bond movie? Explain.

Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you read?
- 2) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?
- 3) Who is your favourite Bond?
- 4) Who is your least favourite Bond?
- 5) What is your favourite moment in a Bond movie?
- 6) Which is your favourite Bond movie?
- 7) Which is your least favourite Bond movie?
- 8) Who is your favourite villain in a Bond movie?
- 9) What is the scariest moment in a Bond movie?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

SPEAKING

Let's discuss! Your top 20 movie memories

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class / small groups / pairs / 1 to 1

Your top 20 movie memories

The teacher can moderate the session.

GAP FILL: READING:

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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GRAMMAR

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards, check your answers with your teacher, using the following ratings: **Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20**

1	moviegoers	11	hunky
2	franchise	12	rather
3	surprisingly	13	trunks
4	essential	14	favourite
5	celebrate	15	bowler hat
6	unforgettable	16	encapsulates
7	villains	17	skimpy
8	wonderful	18	several
9	rather	19	icons
10	bikini	20	inventions

LINKS

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Note: garrotte = 1) A Spanish method of execution by strangulation or by breaking the neck. 2) The device, usually an iron collar, used in such executions. 3) *Obsolete* strangulation of one's victim while committing robbery.

ANSWERS

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