

Monsters University

Note: Definitions for the italic words/phrases are provided in the Glossary (p.3).

Task 1: Synopsis

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

<i>college-bound</i> ¹	<i>derailed</i> ²	<i>hotshot</i> ³
<i>misfit</i> ⁴	<i>natural-born</i> ⁵	<i>scarer</i> ⁶



Ever since 1. _____ Mike Wazowski (voice of Billy Crystal) was a little monster, he has dreamed of becoming a 2. _____ and he knows better than anyone that the best scarers come from Monsters University. But during his first semester at Monsters University, Mike's plans are 3. _____ when he crosses paths with 4. _____ James P. Sullivan, "Sulley" (voice of John Goodman), a 5. _____ scarer. The pair's out-of-control competitive spirit gets them both kicked out of the University's elite Scare Program. To make matters worse, they realize they will have to work together, along with an odd bunch of 6. _____ monsters, if they ever hope to make things right.

Task 2: Listening

Watch the below clips from Monsters University.

- Monsters University DVD at Language Learning Oasis (OEM707): (1) 58'51" – 1'00'16" (2) 1'30'45" – 1'31'32"

or

- Wikia: (1) http://monstersincmovies.wikia.com/wiki/File:Monsters_University_-_Clip_-_%22Field_Trip%22

- (2) http://monstersincmovies.wikia.com/wiki/File:Monsters_University_-_Clip_-_%22Fearless%22

Fill in the blanks as you listen to the clip.

(1) Field Trip

Mike: Take a good look, 1. _____. See what they all have in common?

Squishy: No, not really.

Mike: Exactly. There's no one type of scarer. The best scarers use their 2. _____ to their advantage.

Terr: Terry, look.

Don: Look at that old fella, *racking up*⁷ the big numbers.

Mike: Don, that old fella is Earl "The Terror" Thompson!

Sullivan: What, where? That's really him?

Mike: He held the scare record for three years!

Sullivan: Look, it's Grimmy Bob Gunderson! I still have his card.

Mike: Me too!

Sullivan: He's not up to speed anymore

Sullivan&Mike: but his technique is 3. _____.

Mike: You collected scare cards, huh?

Sullivan: Yeah, 450 of them.

Mike: 4. _____! I have 6000 still in condition, but you know, 450 is pretty good too.

Squishy: Hey, look at me. I'm Earl "The Terror" Thompson! Roar!

Sullivan: I've been a real 5. _____.

Mike: So have I. But it's not too late. We could be a great team, we just need to start working together.

(2) Fearless

Sullivan: Wazowski!

Mike: Stop the bus! Are you crazy?

Sullivan: Mike, I don't know a single scarer who can do what you do. I know everyone sees us together they think I'm the one running the show but the truth is, I've been riding your 1. _____ since day one! You made the deal with Hardscrabble. You took a 2. _____ team and made them champions. All I did was catch a pig!

Mike: Technically I caught the pig.

Sullivan: Exactly! And you think you're just okay? You *pulled off*^β the biggest scare the school's ever seen!

Mike: That wasn't me.

Sullivan: That was you. You think I could have done that without you? I didn't even bring a pencil on the first day of school! Mike, you're not 3. _____. Not even a little. But you are

4. _____!

Task 3: Vocabulary In Use

Learn at least 5 words/phrases from the Glossary.

Go to online dictionaries (e.g. <http://www.oxforddictionaries.com/>; <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>; <http://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary>) to see example sentences. Then, write your own sentences below.

You can make an appointment with our Teaching Assistant at the Language Learning Oasis (OEM707) to check your work.

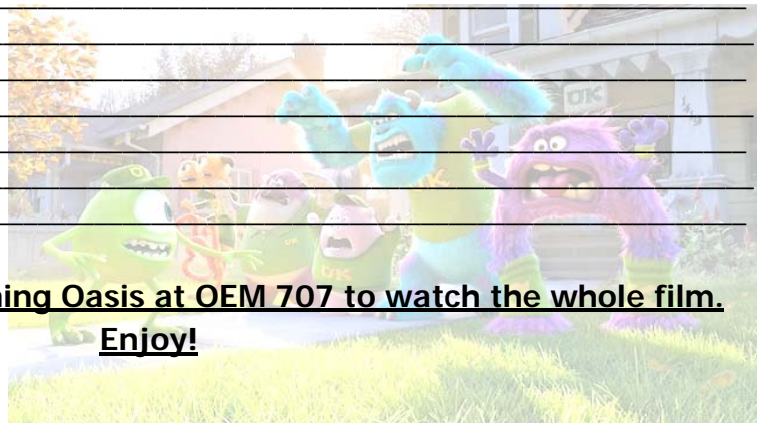
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____



Now, go to Language Learning Oasis at OEM 707 to watch the whole film.

Enjoy!

Glossary:

- ¹ **college-bound:** (adj) having the intention or having made plans to go to college
- ² **derailed:** (v) caused a train or tram to leave its tracks accidentally; obstructed a process by diverting it from its intended course
- ³ **hotshot:** (n) an important or exceptionally able person or someone who is skilful and successful at something
- ⁴ **misfit:** (n) someone who is not suited to a situation or who is not accepted by other people because their behaviour is strange or unusual
- ⁵ **natural-born:** (adj) having a specified innate characteristic or ability
- ⁶ **scarer:** (n) special term of the movie to describe the monsters who scare humans
- ⁷ **rack sth up:** (phrasal verb) accumulate or achieve something, typically a score or amount
- ⁸ **pull off:** (phrasal verb) to succeed in doing

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