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This movie is available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)



## THE TERMINAL

CAVEAT: The teacher should prescreen each movie and review the complete workbook chapter before showing the movie to the class. Students have homework before watching the movie and after watching but before any discussion.

### EXERCISES BEFORE WATCHING MOVIE

Underline each word that is new to you or that you do not understand. Look the word up in your dictionary and write the appropriate English definition next to the word.

#### 1. READ MOVIE REVIEW

**Tagline:** Life is waiting.

**Plot Outline** An eastern immigrant finds himself stranded in JFK airport, and must take up temporary residence there.

**Plot Synopsis:** An Eastern European visitor (Hanks) becomes a resident of a New York airport terminal when a war breaks out and erases his country from the map, voiding his passport. He makes friends with the airport staff and falls in love with a flight attendant.

## Reviews

### Amazon.com

Like an airport running at peak efficiency, *The Terminal* glides on the consummate skills of its director and star. Having refined their collaborative chemistry on *Saving Private Ryan* and *Catch Me if You Can*, Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks mesh like the precision gears of a Rolex, turning a delicate, not-very-plausible scenario into a lovely modern-age fable (partly based on fact) that's both technically impressive and subtly moving. It's Spielberg in Capra mode, spinning the featherweight tale of Victor Navorski (Hanks, giving a finely tuned performance), an Eastern European who arrives at New York's Kennedy Airport just as his (fictional) homeland has fallen to a coup, forcing him, with no valid citizenship, to take indefinite residence in the airport's expansive International Arrivals Terminal (an astonishing full-scale set that inspires Spielberg's most elegant visual strategies). Spielberg said he made this film in part to alleviate the anguish of wartime America, and his master's touch works wonders on the occasionally mushy material; even Stanley Tucci's officious terminal director and Catherine Zeta-Jones's mixed-up flight attendant come off (respectively) as forgivable and effortlessly charming. With this much talent involved, *The Terminal* transcends its minor shortcomings to achieve a rare degree of cinematic grace. --Jeff Shannon

### From [\*The New Yorker\*](#)

As Viktor Navorski, a stolid, jazz-loving bachelor from Eastern Europe, Tom Hanks speaks only a few words of English and walks with his feet turned out in a rapid waddle. He puts on a good show in difficult circumstances: Viktor's tiny country has fallen into chaos, and he's left stranded and stateless at JFK airport. For months, he sleeps in a lounge, scrounges for food and work, and carries on a wan flirtation with a slightly masochistic "stew" (Catherine Zeta-Jones) who is touched by his gentleness. Viktor's nemesis, an ambitious customs bureaucrat (Stanley Tucci), tries to stymie him, but the phantom of the terminal turns into a modern-day Robinson Crusoe, exercising his resourcefulness not in the natural world but in a peculiar corner of Western consumer society. "The Terminal" is essentially an exploration of the inner life of an airport—the humming lights and glaring emptiness of the late-night lounges, the quirks of the food-service and maintenance men who become Viktor's allies, suppliers, and then his adoring fans. Steven Spielberg directs this fable with his customary fluency and warmth, and the movie has some charming passages—a dinner party served by the maintenance men is a highlight—but the narrative lacks drive and a serious reason to exist. The time passes pleasantly, but one feels that only Hanks' talent and Spielberg's enormous facility are keeping the movie alive. -David Denby

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**DOES THIS COMMERCIAL MOVIE REVIEW ENTICE  
YOU TO PURCHASE THE DVD? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

## 2. INTERNET RESEARCH

The following words and phrases are taken from the movie. Using an English Internet search engine, find a definition for each word and phrase and write the definition next to the word or phrase in this book. This is an American movie so your British English dictionary is useless.

**Mandarin Chinese**

**Return ticket**

**Big Apple**  
New York City

**Booths**

**Standard procedure**

**Rebels**

**Customs declarations**

**Border**

**Reclassification**

**Inspector**

**Immigration**

**Potato chips**

**Bunch**

**Interpreter**



**Connecting**

**Annexed**

**Taxicab**



**Military coup**

**Asylum**

**Nutshell**



**Refugee status**

**Privileges**

**Temporary protective status**

**Revoked**

**Casualties**

**Humanitarian parole**

**Ramada Inn**



**Twilight Zone**  
USA television show

**Outer Limits**  
USA television show

**Detain**

**Podium**

**Long Island**

**International Transit Lounge**



**Jamaica**

**Vouchers**

**South America  
Madrid**

**Food Court**



**Boarding passes**

**Tarmac**

**Red Carpet Club**

**Terminal**

**Unattended**

**Bathrobe**

**Pager**

**Trash**

**Crack**

**CBP**



**Hell**

**Populace**

**Gulag**

**Yacht**



**Volt generator**

**Tricky**

**Amazing**

**Kneeling**

**Pot of gold at the end of the rainbow**

**Shoelace**

**Hostage**

**Heels**

**Cabinet members**

**Retire**

Women's high heel shoes

**Parliament**

**Sworn in**

**CIA**

**KGB**

**Microfilm**

**Maine**

**Salmon**



**Coupon**

**Field Commissioner**

**Inhaling**

**Liaison**

**Buddy**

**Carts**



**Mustard**



**Quarters**

**Burger King**



**Detention**

**The Rockettes**



**Crisis**

**Mop**



**Subsided**

**Conventions**

**Miracle**

**Trekkie**

**Conjoined twins**



**Tingle**

**Stuffed**

**Wild stallion**



**Aliens**

**Credible**

**Separated**

**Persecution**

**Innocent**

**Torn**

**Dracula**



**Horrible**

**Wolfmens**



**Sharks**

**Schedule**

**Back-to-back flights**

**Literally**

**Fireworks**



**Rome**

**Dignity**

**Barbecue**



**Habit**

**Encouraged**

**Counseling**

**Rooting for the home team**

**Room service**

**Crossword puzzle**

**Contractors**

**Cab**

**Cannelloni**



**Nut job**

**Poison**

**Rejects**

**Rumor**

**Wheelchair**



**Bucks**

**Punctual**

**Social Security number**

**Bathroom**

<b>Cornicing</b>	<b>Ability</b>	<b>Prescriptions</b>
<b>Crew</b>	<b>Serious</b>	<b>MPL</b>
<b>Ravioli</b>	<b>Ingesting</b>	<b>Weapons</b>
<b>Caviar</b>	<b>FBI</b>	<b>Dialect</b>
<b>Recording</b>	<b>Homeland Security</b>	<b>Medicine</b>
<b>X-ray</b>	<b>Cash under the table</b>	<b>Goat</b>
<b>Lost and Found</b>	<b>Bribe</b>	<b>License</b>
<b>Curious</b>	<b>Join the big pool</b>	<b>Rule</b>
<b>Jazz</b>	<b>Bet</b>	<b>Excuse</b>
<b>Witnesses</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Toilet paper</b>
<b>Panties</b>	<b>National security</b>	<b>Uncle Sam</b>
<b>Ass</b>	<b>Clearance</b>	<b>US Government</b>
<b>React</b>	<b>Prison</b>	<b>Charmin two-ply</b>
<b>Isolates</b>	<b>Walnuts</b>	<b>Tissue paper</b>
<b>Depressed</b>	<b>Brazil</b>	<b>Compassion</b>
<b>Farsighted</b>	<b>Mother in laws</b>	<b>Virgin Isle</b>
		<b>Swordfish</b>

**Peanuts**

**Frequent fliers**

**Photograph**

**Promise**

**Schedule**

**Hungarian**

**Partners**

**Exchange**

**Congratulations**

**Ship you out in a crate**

Send you away in a coffin, a dead man's burial box

**Idiot**

**Strange**

**Document**

**Tiny**

**Flight attendants**

**Dry Roasted Peanuts**

**Saxophone**

**Messes**

**Peanut butter**



**Biological clock**

**Delayed**

**Tobacco**

**Common**

**Deport you**

**Gift**

**Right-wing military coup**

**Patio**

**Fountains**

**Ousted**

**Croissant**

**Ceiling**

**Raise your glasses  
Toast**

**Pretending**

**Escape**

**Connections**

**Switch off**

**Institution**

**Emergency pass**

**Suitcase**

**Criminal**

**Confused**

**Running late**

**Atop**

On the top of something

**Absolute**

**Inscription**

**Validate authenticity**

**Undesirables**

**Destiny**

**Moment**

**Poker game**

**Taverns**

**Badge**

**Arrest him!**

**Liquor**

**Get lost**

**Checking in**

**Marijuana**

**Courage**

**The lobby lounge**

Name of hotel bar

**Pension**

**Coward**

**Happy hour**

**Breach**

**Settle down**

**Monitor**

**Newlywed**

**Departure**

**Fantastic**

**Assaulting**

**Digital camera**

**Just a minute**

Wait

**Janitor**

**Snowing**

