



Directed by
[Stephen Daldry](#) (2000)

Cast overview, first billed only:

[Julie Walters](#) Mrs. Wilkinson
[Jamie Bell](#) Billy Elliot
[Jamie Draven](#) Tony Elliot
[Gary Lewis \(III\)](#) Dad (Jackie Elliot)
[Jean Heywood](#) Grandma
[Stuart Wells](#) Michael Caffrey
[Mike Elliot \(I\)](#) George Watson
[Janine Birkett](#) Billy's Mum
[Nicola Blackwell](#) Debbie Wilkinson

1. Useful words and expressions from the film that you should master: scab, poof, "on the dole", bairn, twat (slang), "Do you not fancy **us**?", "picket line", wee, prerequisite, tutu and the nickname for William.
2. Billy is the heart and soul of the film and the story evolves around him. Discuss (in groups of three) Billy's role in - and relation to - the topics below.

BOXING STRIKES/SCABS WORKING CLASS/MIDDLE CLASS
ENVIRONMENT ABSENT MOTHER FAMILY-LIFE FRIENDSHIP
EXPECTATIONS FRUSTRATION BALLET DANCING FUTURE
LOVE MRS WILKINSON/THE SWAN LAKE AUDITION

3. How much do you think our upbringing and environment affect the choices we make in life? Compare the reality to the film!

WRITING: Write an analytical text about your goal(s) in life and what might stop you from reaching them and what you will do to remove the obstacles!