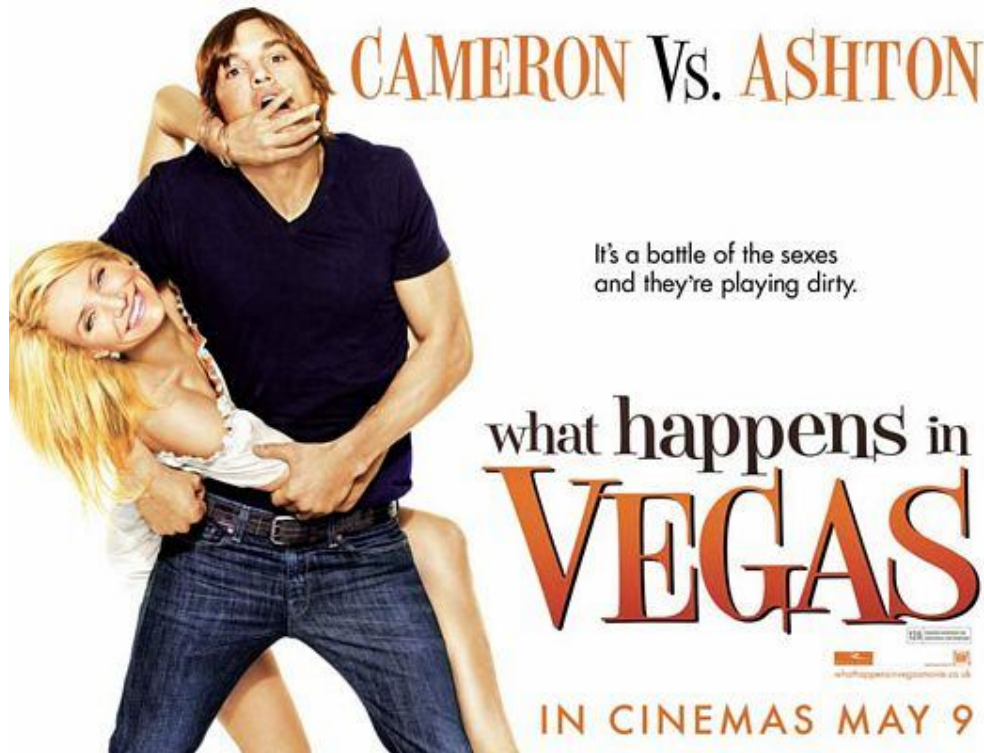


Video: What happens in Vegas

🎬 Pre-watching

1- Discuss the poster. What do you think the story you'll watch is about?



2- Do you believe in marriage? What makes a successful marriage? Rank the following items in order of importance.

- Accepting your partner as he/she is.
- Having a good relationship with your in-laws.
- Being from a similar class and culture.
- Being able to make each other laugh.
- Being able to respect each other's needs.
- Having similar interests.
- Being faithful to each other.
- Being honest.
- Both partners being of similar intelligence.
- Being able to communicate with each other.
- Having similar views, e.g. about politics and religion.
- Being handy about the house.
- Having good health.
- Having children.

3- What do you know about Las Vegas? What is it famous for?

📺 After-watching

1- Complete the following summary with ideas about the film

The screenplay pivots on impulsive decisions by two to vacation in Las Vegas. Jack Fuller,, takes this trip as a reward to himself after job. Joy McNally,, flies to Sin City to salve her bruised ego after being

Each character is accompanied -- a second-rate lawyer for Jack, a wisecracking cynic for Joy -- but that doesn't stop them ending a long evening's drunken revelry with a Come the morning after, the regretful marrieds are ready to file But then Jack plays a slot machine with Joy's quarter, and

Back in the big Apple, an acerbic judge with conservative ideas about the sanctity of matrimony refuses, and challenges them to make the union work by, with the first one who asks out losing the cash.

So ultra-organized Joy must move into And the slackerish Jack must pretend to enjoy life with a woman who makes impossible demands,

Naturally, each character tries to undermine the other, in the hope of ending the cohabitation and, more important, Just as naturally, the antagonists gradually warm to each other, pushed steadily closer as Joy charms members of Jack's family, and Jack ingratiates himself to Joy's boss.

2- *Compare and contrast the two main characters, Jack and Joy. How similar / dissimilar are they?*

3- *Discuss the role Hater and Tipper have. Do you think they are 'good buddies'?*

4- *If you had had a problem similar to that of Jack /Joy's, what would you have done in order to put it behind? Do you agree with what they did?*

5- *Read the following reviews and decide which one you agree with the most.*

People around me actually laughed at a preview screening of this alleged romantic farce. I couldn't join in. I kept seeing the strain on the faces of Cameron Diaz and Ashton Kutcher, playing New York strangers who meet and marry in Vegas — it's the booze — and find their annulment delayed when he hits a \$3 million jackpot on the slots using her quarter. If you don't see where this is going, you've never seen a movie. Sorry it had to be this one.

A first- or second-date flick, after which there can be some Cheesecake Factory and maybe a peck on the cheek, no harm done. What Happens in Vegas is pleasant enough for all of that (and it sidesteps all that "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" raunch).

An exceedingly bright comedy that never makes you feel stupid for enjoying its brisk pacing, smart lines, sound construction and superb comic acting, not only from Ashton Kutcher but from Cameron Diaz and well-chosen No. 2 bananas Rob Corddry and Lake Bell.

Kutcher, who gives his most energized performance to date, and Diaz, darting between the caustic and shrill, look as if they're warming up to groovy hate sex, not love, which may be why the film goes flat the moment it turns friendly.

Hokey and forced as it is, What Happens in Vegas eventually settles into a rhythm, maybe because Diaz and Kutcher actually look like they have fun together.

Only Diaz shows spark because the actress knows how to simultaneously play nice and be a nasty character, thereby gaining audience sympathy. Everyone else hits one note, and it isn't nice.

6- *Write your own review!*