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Area audiovisual Película: Si yo hubiera... (Sliding Doors)	
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**Dirección:** Peter Howitt  
**Producción:** Intermedia Films  
**Formato:** DVD  
**Año:** 1998  
**Duración:** 99 min  
**Género:** Comedia romántica / drama

**Interpretación (actores):** Helen (Gwyneth Paltrow), James (John Hannah), Gerry (John Lynch), Lydia (Jeanne Tripplehorn)  
**Subtítulos:** Inglés, Español

**Sinopsis:** Helen is a woman who has an apparent comfortable life until her stability is interrupted when she is fired from her job. When she is in her way home a slight detail opens a parallel world in which all of us will discover through her life events the answer of a complex question What If I had.....?

**Nivel de dificultad de comprensión del idioma:** Intermedio Superior- Avanzado

**Recomendaciones para mejorar la comprensión:**

\*If your language understanding is basic watch the film with subtitles in Spanish.

\* If your language understanding is intermediate or upper-intermediate watch the film with subtitles in English.

\*If your language understanding is advanced watch the film without subtitles.

#### Actividades propuestas

**Antes de ver la película:**

*Contesta lo siguiente:*

*\*Read the information to answer the questions:*

- Do you know what a parallel world is?
- Do you know what the Butterfly effect is?

#### Parallel universe

1. A hypothetical collection of undetectable universes that are like our known universe but have branched off from our universe.



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- A hypothetical universe that coexists with our known universe but may operate under fundamentally different laws of physics.
- A separate universe or world that coexists with our known universe but is very different from it.

#### The Butterfly Effect

The butterfly effect is a term used in chaos theory to describe how small changes to a seemingly unrelated thing or condition (also known as an initial condition) can affect large, complex systems.

It could be explained as the idea of small variations producing widespread effects. Some people are particularly interested in the repercussions that might occur if a person travels back in time and changes one small, insignificant detail.

**Durante la película:**

*Contesta lo siguiente:*

Helen is fired from her job because she took some bottles from her office without authorization, after this unfortunate event two stories start happening, choose the correct option to complete the statements:

#### STORY 1

- Helen takes the subway and finds her boyfriend **in the shower / in bed with another woman.**
- Helen gets **a new haircut / gets a new job** after her love disappointment.
- Helen starts getting along with **Gerry / James.**
- Helen's small business loan application is **accepted / rejected.**
- Helen kisses **Gerry / James.**
- Gerry discovers Helen is being **happy and successful / miserable and unsuccessful** and he tries to have her back.
- James sees Helen and Gerry kissing and he feels **disappointed / happy.**
- Helen / Lydia** calls Gerry to tell him she is pregnant.
- James **is married / is single.**
- Helen discovers she is pregnant and that the dad is **Gerry / James.**



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- k) James **is almost divorced / loves his wife very much.**
- l) Helen is hit by a car and **loses her baby / dies.**

## STORY 2

- m) Helen misses the subway and **goes with her boyfriend to a bar / goes alone to a bar.**
- n) Helen gets a job as a **sandwich / mail deliverer.**
- o) Helen starts suspecting that Gerry **has another woman / has another job.**
- p) Gerry wants to take **Lydia / Helen** to a hotel in Dorset.
- q) Helen calls Gerry to Dorset to tell him that she **doesn't love him / is pregnant.**
- r) Lydia ends up her affair with **Gerry / James.**
- s) Helen discovers Gerry **has an affair / is honest with her.**
- t) Helen falls from the stairs and **dies / loses her baby.**

### **Después de ver la película:**

*Contesta lo siguiente:*

- a) *If you could change an event from your life, which one would you choose?*

*Write what would be different in your present with that change.*

- b) *If you could change an event in human's history, which one would it be?*

*Write what would be different in the world with that change.*

*\*Use the modal verb WOULD to narrate your answers.*