



The Party– Review

Opening with a fast-forward shot of the **frazzled** hostess aiming a gun at the camera, *The Party* then works its way towards to this climactic scene in a concise 71 minutes.



The night begins with guests arriving at the London home of Janet (Kristin Scott Thomas) and Bill (Timothy Spall) to celebrate Janet's appointment to Minister of Health in the British Parliament. First to arrive is her brilliantly **caustic** best friend April (Patricia Clarkson), an idealist turned political realist, who takes no prisoners with her cerebral, scorching one-liners. Accompanying her is boyfriend Gottfried (Bruno Ganz), a New Age life coach whose humanist clichés generate significant eye-

rolling among the other more politically engaged dinner guests.

The **outsider** among these left-leaning upper-middle-class dinner guests is financial hotshot Tom (Cillian Murphy), who is killing time waiting for his wife to arrive by doing lines of cocaine and manically obsessing over what to do with the gun he's concealed beneath his extremely stylish suit.

Janet fusses in the kitchen while fielding congratulatory phone calls and mysterious texts, while her almost comically vacant husband sits in the **lounge**, drinking wine and playing a **bizarre** selection of vinyl records. With the guests raising glasses to Janet's success, Bill finally rouses himself enough to drop the first of a series of bombshells that will tear apart Janet's life before she even manages to serve up.



To reveal any more would **spoil** the deliciousness of the **fallout**, as secret after secret is brought to light in this deeply black comedy. With the action confined to three rooms and a courtyard, it's the razor-sharp dialogue that creates the momentum. No one is safe as the one-liners fly. This brilliant characters fall upon each other with relish, slashing open political and personal pretensions and feeding on the entrails.

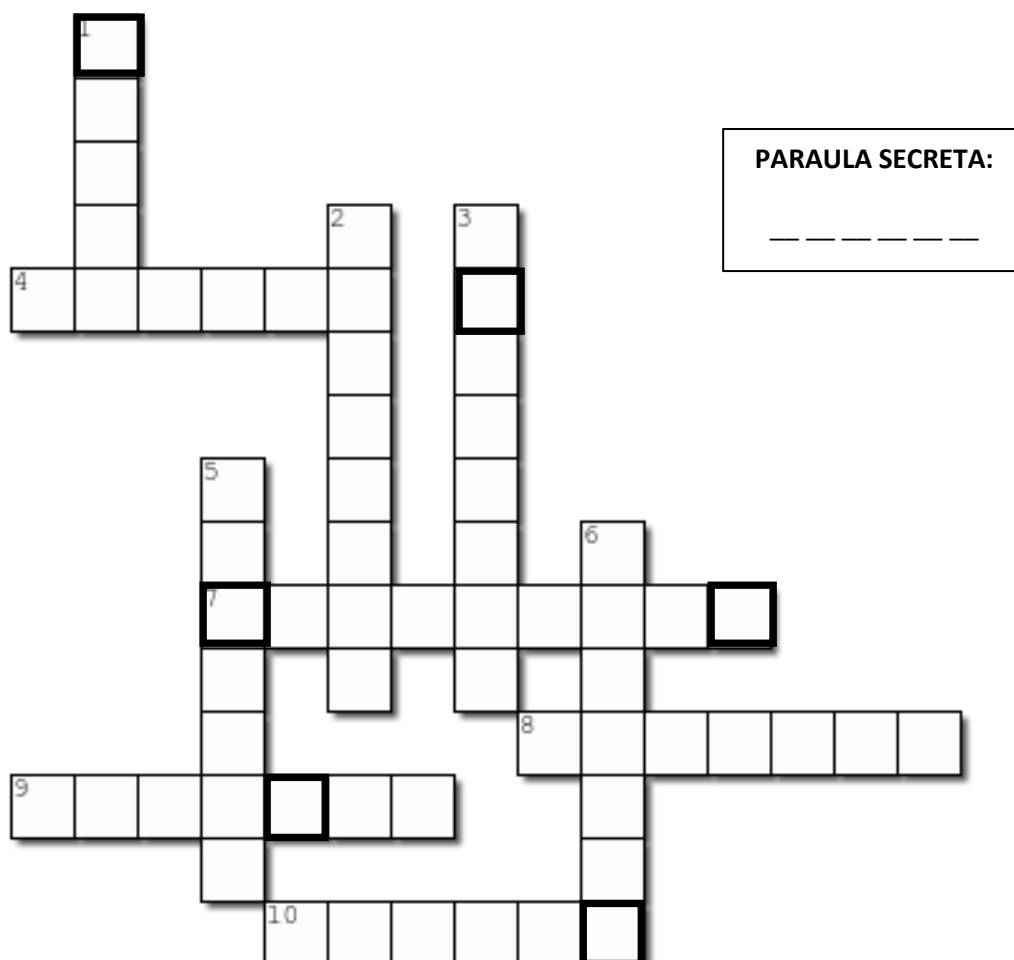
If you love **clever**, **waspish** dialogue and the **skewering** of ideological pretensions then you won't find many better ways to spend 71 minutes than by indulging in *The Party*.



The Party – Crossword

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- 1) Completa els mots encreuats amb el vocabulari de la crítica.
- 2) Reuneix les lletres de les caselles en negreta i forma la paraula secreta.
- 3) Sigues el 1er en publicar la paraula al Facebook de Cambridge School www.facebook.com/CambridgeSchoolPage i guanyaràs 2 entrades per a una pel·lícula en VO al cinema OCINE de l'Altrium Sant Celoni (a recollir al cinema).



ACROSS

4. good at learning or understanding things
7. to push a pointed object into something or someone, making a hole or causing injury
8. the unpleasant effects of something that has happened
9. expressing severe criticism of someone, often in a funny or clever way
10. a comfortable room in a house where people sit and relax

DOWN

1. to affect something in a way that makes it less enjoyable
2. extremely tired, annoyed, and unable to deal with things
3. someone who does not belong to a particular group
5. someone who is waspish often says cruel things in an angry way
6. strange and difficult to explain



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