



## On the Basis of Sex – Review

We first meet Ruth (Felicity Jones) as she enters Harvard **Law** School. Determined to do well, she's also very much in love with her husband, Martin (Armie Hammer).

Endlessly supportive Marty is **crucial** to the story. It's he who suggests in 1970 that Ruth go to court on behalf of Charles Moritz (Chris Mulkey). The **latter**, trying to juggle work with looking after his **elderly** mother, has been denied tax breaks. With the help of her caring husband, Ruth fights for the rights of a caring man.



Throughout the film Ruth gets undermined by male peers. Understandably, this makes her a little tense. Marty? He's funny and relaxed. No wonder Mel Wulf (Justin Theroux), the **ruthlessly** pragmatic leader of the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union), wants Marty to represent Moritz. No wonder the couple's own **teenage** daughter, Jane (Cailee Spaeny), finds it easier to talk to her father than her mother.

Marty really does **outshine** Ruth; he's indisputably sexier. Which is precisely what makes the character so subversive. The film insists that we fall in love with that most undervalued of creatures: the great man behind the great woman.



It's perfect that he's played by an actor as **charismatic** and high profile as Hammer (most A-list heart-throbs would **shun** this kind of role). It actually works, too, that Jones is earnest to a fault. She looks uneasy, right up until the final scene when she makes our jaws drop.

Taking its cue from Ruth, *On the Basis of Sex* includes everyone in the equation. Youngsters will notice the flaws (the stodgy direction, the naff part for Kathy Bates) but they will thank you for drawing their attention to a **feminist** who makes a thrilling case for teamwork.

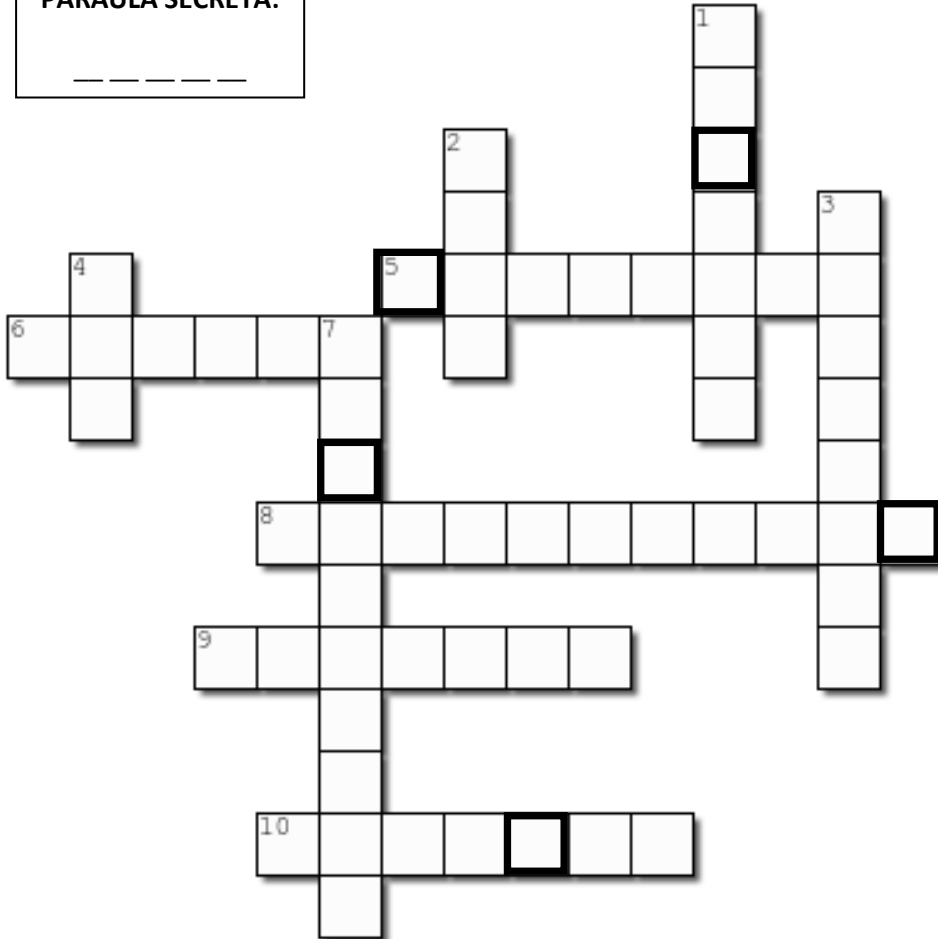


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- 2) Reuneix les lletres de les caselles en negreta i forma la paraula secreta.
- 3) Sigues el 1er en publicar la paraula al Facebook de Cambridge School [www.facebook.com/CambridgeSchoolPage](http://www.facebook.com/CambridgeSchoolPage) i guanyaràs 2 entrades per a una pel·lícula en VO al **Cinema Esbarjo de Cardedeu** (a recollir al mateix cinema).

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**ACROSS**

5. to be much better than someone else
6. used for referring to the second of two things, people or groups that have just been mentioned
8. a person who has a strong quality that makes people like them or be attracted to them
9. between the ages of 13 and 19
10. old people

**DOWN**

1. extremely important, essential
2. to deliberately avoid a person, role or place
3. someone who supports equal rights and opportunities for women
4. the official rules formed by a government
7. willingly behaving in a way to make people suffer so that you can achieve your aims