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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. BOLLYWOOD: Walk around the class and talk to other students about Bollywood. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

debut / India / extravagant / Academy Awards / huge success / stars / nerves / winners / best actor / outstanding achievement / audience / cinema / telling stories

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ACADEMY AWARDS: Who would you give one to? Complete this table and show it to your partner(s). Change partners and share what you heard.

	Who / What?	Why?
Best film		
Best Actor		
Best Actress		
Best Director		
Soundtrack		
Outstanding Achievement		

4. THE WOODS: Students A **strongly** believe Bollywood is best; Students B **strongly** believe Hollywood is. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. MOVIES: What makes a great movie? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- the story
- the seat you sit in to watch it
- food and drink
- the actors
- who you watch it with
- the soundtrack
- the lights being on or off
- the director

6. DEBUT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'debut'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Bollywood has decided never to use Toronto again for its awards show. T / F
- b. Bollywood's academy awards have been going for 12 years. T / F
- c. The actor Arjun Rampal said being in India for the awards was better. T / F
- d. The awards host Anushka Sharma fainted on stage. T / F
- e. The same movie got the award for best actor and director. T / F
- f. An actor got an award for her 50-years' work in Indian movies. T / F
- g. Hollywood actor Hilary Swank said she wants to be in a Bollywood film. T / F
- h. Another Hollywood actor said Bollywood is good at telling stories. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. debut | a. accomplishment |
| 2. version | b. welcome |
| 3. hailed | c. part |
| 4. reception | d. model |
| 5. compere | e. extraordinary |
| 6. role | f. relate |
| 7. picked up | g. host |
| 8. outstanding | h. premiere |
| 9. achievement | i. praised |
| 10. tell | j. won |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. ended in an extravagant | a. nerves on stage |
| 2. hailed it as a | b. heartthrob |
| 3. Award-winning Indian | c. in a Bollywood movie |
| 4. I have never seen such energy | d. huge success |
| 5. she was a bundle of | e. around the world together |
| 6. The movie also picked | f. closing ceremony |
| 7. four decades in | g. the stories well |
| 8. she would like to be | h. and devotion |
| 9. cinema brings people from | i. Indian film |
| 10. take their time to tell | j. up best director |

WHILE READING / LISTENING

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GAP FILL: Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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warm

thrilled

closing

bundle

blackout

version

devotion

hailed

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audience

stage

role

decades

take

winners

brings

picked

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'academy' and 'award'.

academy	award

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• version• huge• show• energy• warm• stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• big• picked• scooped• joked• brings• well
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STUDENT BOLLYWOOD SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Bollywood in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

BOLLYWOOD DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Bollywood'?
- c) Do you think it's a good idea for Bollywood to have its awards show in Toronto, Canada?
- d) Should Hollywood's Oscars show be held somewhere else next – like Europe or Hong Kong?
- e) What do you think of awards shows?
- f) Academy Award winners get really excited at winning. Why?
- g) Do you ever get angry because the wrong person or film won the award?
- h) Would you prefer to attend the Hollywood awards or the Bollywood awards?
- i) Why do the fans get so excited and go so crazy?
- j) When was the last time you were a bundle of nerves?

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BOLLYWOOD DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) Who are your favourite actors and why?
- c) Do you think the director makes a big difference to a movie?
- d) Do you prefer the film movie or film? Why?
- e) What kind of movies would you star in if you were an actor?
- f) Would you be better suited to Hollywood or Bollywood?
- g) What are the differences between Hollywood and Bollywood movies?
- h) Do you think Bollywood and Hollywood actors lead similar lives?
- i) Do you love all kinds of cinema?
- j) What questions would you like to ask an academy award winner?

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LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) from | (b) by | (c) to | (d) in |
| 2. | (a) rained | (b) hailed | (c) stoned | (d) stormed |
| 3. | (a) Up | (b) Along | (c) Over | (d) Down |
| 4. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) with | (d) in |
| 5. | (a) devoted | (b) devote | (c) devotion | (d) devoting |
| 6. | (a) nervy | (b) nerves | (c) nervous | (d) nerve |
| 7. | (a) role | (b) real | (c) roll | (d) rule |
| 8. | (a) took | (b) gave | (c) held | (d) picked |
| 9. | (a) Veterinary | (b) Veteran | (c) Virtual | (d) Vetted |
| 10. | (a) masses | (b) crowd | (c) spectators | (d) audience |
| 11. | (a) shakes | (b) gives | (c) brings | (d) shapes |
| 12. | (a) time | (b) role | (c) star | (d) motion |

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WRITING

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Write about **Bollywood** for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Bollywood. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WORLD CINEMA: Make a poster about different cinema from around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BOLLYWOOD: Write a magazine article about Bollywood. Include imaginary interviews with people from Bollywood and Hollywood.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a top Indian actor. Ask him/her three questions about his/her life as an actor. Give him/her three of your opinions on Bollywood (and Hollywood). Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. T c. F d. F e. T f. F g. T h. T

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GAP FILL:

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LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d 2 - b 3 - a 4 - c 5 - c 6 - b 7 - a 8 - d 9 - b 10 - d 11 - c 12 - a

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