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China tops US at box office for first time

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THE READING

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China's box office is now bigger than the USA's. China's movie theatres now make the most money. This is because millions of people went to the cinemas in China over the New Year in February. More people went on Valentine's Day, which is now very popular in China. China's cinemas made a record \$650 million in February, compared to \$640 million in the USA. The biggest hit in China took \$105 million. The new Jackie Chan film earned \$95 million.

China's film industry is growing very fast. More middle-class people and more people moving to cities mean fifteen new cinema screens are opening every day. There are now about 23,600 screens in China. This is 475 per cent more than in 2008. China will overtake America's 40,000 screens. China's movie industry grew 27 per cent and 36 per cent in the past two years. A lot of this success has been because of Chinese movies, not Hollywood movies.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1436992/china-box-office-overtakes-us-for-first-time>
<http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/china-box-office-tops-us-778499>
<http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/mar/02/chinese-box-office-biggest-world-february>

MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150305-box-office-4.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. China's box office is | a. on Valentine's Day |
| 2. China's movie theatres now make | b. \$95 million |
| 3. millions of people | c. a record \$650 million |
| 4. More people went | d. now bigger |
| 5. very popular in | e. went to the cinemas |
| 6. China's cinemas made | f. hit in China |
| 7. The biggest | g. the most money |
| 8. earned | h. China |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. China's film industry is | a. 23,600 screens in China |
| 2. More middle- | b. to cities |
| 3. more people moving | c. opening every day |
| 4. fifteen new cinema screens are | d. success |
| 5. There are now about | e. growing very fast |
| 6. This is 475 per cent more | f. past two years |
| 7. 36 per cent in the | g. class people |
| 8. A lot of this | h. than in 2008 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China's box office (1) _____ the USA's. China's movie theatres now (2) _____ money. This is because millions of (3) _____ cinemas in China over the New Year in February. More people went on Valentine's Day, which is (4) _____ in China. China's cinemas made a record \$650 million in February, compared to \$640 million in the USA. The (5) _____ China took \$105 million. The new Jackie Chan film (6) _____.

China's film industry is (7) _____. More middle-class people and more people (8) _____ mean fifteen new cinema screens are (9) _____. There are now about 23,600 screens in China. This is 475 per cent (10) _____ 2008. China will overtake America's 40,000 screens. China's movie industry grew 27 per cent and 36 per cent (11) _____ years. A lot of this success has (12) _____ Chinese movies, not Hollywood movies.

MOVIE THEATRES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about movie theatres 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

