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Level 2 – 1st July, 2018

China limits pay for movie stars

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China is putting a limit on movie star pay. It says that actors getting high salaries is bad for society. Actors try to avoid paying tax. Their love of money is harmful. The government wants to stop "money worship" in the movie industry. It said money is not the most important thing in life. The government said many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities" and turning them into heroes. This is giving people a false idea about what life is really like. The government said movies should help society, not pay for big movie star salaries.

The government made a set of rules for movie production companies. The salaries of actors will be capped at 40 per cent of the cost of the movie. Leading actors will get no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for all the actors. Chinese people support the rules. They say "greedy" actors and celebrities are "showing off" their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One person wrote on social media: "Society has given them too much and they give nothing back. They do not teach young people about the...importance of humility and community in China."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Actors try to avoid | a. should help society |
| 2. money is not the most important | b. into heroes |
| 3. young people are blindly | c. salaries |
| 4. turning them | d. paying tax |
| 5. giving people a false | e. really like |
| 6. what life is | f. chasing celebrities |
| 7. The government said movies | g. thing in life |
| 8. pay for big movie star | h. idea |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. movie production | a. Hollywood lifestyles |
| 2. the cost | b. too much |
| 3. no more than | c. of the movie |
| 4. Chinese people | d. of humility |
| 5. greedy | e. 70 per cent |
| 6. showing off their wealth and | f. companies |
| 7. Society has given them | g. actors |
| 8. the importance | h. support the rules |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China is (1) _____ on movie star pay. It says that actors getting high salaries (2) _____ society. Actors try to avoid paying tax. Their love of money is harmful. The government wants to (3) _____ in the movie industry. It said money is not the most (4) _____ life. The government said many young people are "blindly chasing celebrities" and (5) _____ heroes. This is giving people a false idea about what life is really like. The government said movies (6) _____, not pay for big movie star salaries.

The government made a (7) _____ for movie production companies. The salaries of actors (8) _____ at 40 per cent of the cost of the movie. Leading actors will get no more than 70 per cent of the total wages for (9) _____. Chinese people support the rules. They say "greedy" (10) _____ are "showing off" their wealth and "Hollywood lifestyles". One person wrote on social media: "Society has given (11) _____ and they give nothing back. They do not teach young people about the...importance of (12) _____ in China."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FILM-STAR PAY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180701-film-star-pay-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Film-star pay 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) _____

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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) _____

