

ACADEMY AWARDS

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, is an annual presentation held by the U.S. movie industry. The event is run by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has to maintain strict security of who has won what until the winners are announced. It started in 1929 and has grown into a worldwide extravaganza. Millions of people tune in each year to see whether their favourite movie, director or actor has picked up the top award. The gold statuette prize, called an Oscar, is the highest honour in the movie industry. It can turn an actor into a legend or a movie into a classic. It also turns Hollywood into a party and paparazzi paradise. The stars turn out looking like a million dollars in their designer dresses and suits.

The voting for the Academy Awards is very strict and is conducted under the tightest secrecy. A top international accounting firm has counted the votes for the past seven decades. Only the most talented people in the movie industry can become a member of the Academy and vote. Membership is by invitation only. This is to make sure the top professionals in the business decide on the winners. There are up to 25 categories up for grabs, and up to five nominations can be made in each. The newest award is for Best Animated Feature, which started in 2001. Movie fans in over 100 countries watch on television as the famous envelopes are opened with the words, "And the winner is...".

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. an annual presentation held | a. the movie industry |
| 2. maintain strict security of who | b. top award |
| 3. grown into a worldwide | c. has won what |
| 4. picked up the | d. by the U.S. movie industry |
| 5. the highest honour in | e. a million dollars |
| 6. The stars turn out looking like | f. extravaganza |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The voting for the Academy Awards | a. for grabs |
| 2. conducted under the tightest | b. made in each |
| 3. Membership is by | c. watch on television |
| 4. There are up to 25 categories up | d. is very strict |
| 5. up to five nominations can be | e. invitation only |
| 6. Movie fans in over 100 countries | f. secrecy |

LISTENING GAP FILL

The Academy Awards, _____ the Oscars, is an annual presentation held by the U.S. movie industry. The event _____ Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has to maintain strict security of _____ until the winners are announced. It started in 1929 and has grown into a worldwide extravaganza. Millions of people _____ year to see whether their favourite movie, director or actor has picked up the top award. The gold statuette prize, called an Oscar, is the highest honour in the movie industry. It _____ into a legend or a movie into a classic. It also turns Hollywood into a party and paparazzi paradise. The stars _____ like a million dollars in their designer dresses and suits.

The voting for the Academy Awards is very strict and _____ the tightest secrecy. A top international accounting firm has counted the votes _____ seven decades. Only the most talented people in the movie industry can become a member of the Academy and vote. Membership is _____. This is to make sure the top professionals in the business decide on the winners. There are up to 25 categories _____, and up to five nominations can be made in each. The newest _____ Animated Feature, which started in 2001. Movie fans in over 100 countries watch on television as the famous envelopes are opened with the words, "_____ ...".

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, is an _____ presentation held by the U.S. movie industry. The event is _____ by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has to maintain strict _____ of who has won what until the winners are announced. It started in 1929 and has _____ into a worldwide extravaganza. Millions of people _____ in each year to see whether their favourite movie, director or actor has picked up the top award. The gold statuette prize, called an Oscar, is the highest honour in the movie industry. It can _____ an actor into a legend or a movie into a classic. It also turns Hollywood into a party and paparazzi _____. The stars turn out looking like a million _____ in their designer dresses and suits.

*grown**annual**run**turn**tune**dollars**security**paradise*

The voting for the Academy Awards is very _____ and is conducted under the tightest _____. A top international accounting firm has counted the votes for the past seven _____. Only the most talented people in the movie industry can become a member of the Academy and vote. Membership is by _____ only. This is to make sure the top professionals in the business decide on the winners. There are up to 25 categories up for _____, and up to five nominations can be made in each. The newest _____ is for Best Animated Feature, which started in 2001. Movie _____ in over 100 countries watch on television as the famous envelopes are opened with the _____, "And the winner is...".

*invitation**strict**fans**award**decades**words**secrecy**grabs*

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

The Academy Awards, also *known / knowing* as the Oscars, is an annual presentation held by the U.S. movie industry. The event is *running / run* by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has to maintain *strict / strictly* security of who has won what until the winners are announced. It started in 1929 and has *growth / grown* into a worldwide extravaganza. Millions of people *tune / tunes* in each year to see whether their favourite movie, director or actor has picked *down / up* the top award. The gold statuette prize, called an Oscar, is the highest honour in the movie industry. It can *twist / turn* an actor into a legend or a movie into a classic. It also turns Hollywood into a party and paparazzi paradise. The stars turn *in / out* looking like a million dollars in their designer dresses and suits.

The voting for the Academy Awards is very strict and is *conductor / conducted* under the tightest *secrets / secrecy*. A top international accounting firm has counted the votes for the *past / post* seven decades. Only the most talented people in the movie industry can become a member of the Academy and *votes / vote*. Membership is by invitation only. This is to make *surely / sure* the top professionals in the business decide on the winners. There are up to 25 categories up for grabs, and *up / as* to five nominations can be made in each. The newest award is for Best Animated Feature, which started in 2001. Movie *fans / fan* in over 100 countries watch on television as the famous envelopes are opened with the *word / words*, "And the winner is...".

MULTIPLE CHOICE

The Academy Awards, also (1) _____ as the Oscars, is an annual presentation held by the U.S. movie industry. The event is (2) _____ by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has to maintain strict security of who has won (3) _____ until the winners are announced. It started in 1929 and has grown into a worldwide extravaganza. Millions of people (4) _____ in each year to see whether their favourite movie, director or actor has picked up the top award. The gold statuette prize, called an Oscar, is the highest honour in the movie industry. It can (5) _____ an actor into a legend or a movie into a classic. It also turns Hollywood into a party and paparazzi paradise. The stars turn out (6) _____ like a million dollars in their designer dresses and suits.

The voting for the Academy Awards is very strict and is conducted (7) _____ the tightest secrecy. A top international accounting firm has counted the votes for the past seven decades. Only the most (8) _____ people in the movie industry can become a member of the Academy and vote. Membership is (9) _____ invitation only. This is to make sure the top professionals in the business decide on the winners. There are up to 25 categories up for grabs, and up to five nominations can be made in (10) _____. The newest award is for Best Animated Feature, which started in 2001. Movie (11) _____ in over 100 countries watch on television as the famous envelopes are opened with the (12) _____, "And the winner is...".

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) know | (b) knowing | (c) knows | (d) known |
| 2. | (a) running | (b) run | (c) runs | (d) ran |
| 3. | (a) what | (b) how | (c) why | (d) who |
| 4. | (a) tunes | (b) tuning | (c) tune | (d) tuner |
| 5. | (a) twist | (b) swivel | (c) turn | (d) spiral |
| 6. | (a) look | (b) looking | (c) looks | (d) good looks |
| 7. | (a) under | (b) between | (c) over | (d) on top of |
| 8. | (a) talentless | (b) talents | (c) talented | (d) talent |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) for | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) all | (b) every | (c) both | (d) each |
| 11. | (a) fans | (b) fan | (c) enthusiast | (d) finalists |
| 12. | (a) word | (b) words | (c) worded | (d) wordy |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. an laanun presentation
2. maintain rcitts security
3. people nuet in each year
4. the movie ritusnyd
5. turn an actor into a leedng
6. looking like a mnloiil dollars

Paragraph 2

7. the tightest ecrscye
8. counted the etsvo
9. a mmerbe of the Academy
10. Membership is by anniiivtto only
11. The newest wraad
12. And the rnewin is...

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () prize, called an Oscar, is the highest honour in the movie industry. It can turn an actor into a legend or a movie
- (**1**) The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, is an annual presentation held by the U.S. movie industry. The event
- () until the winners are announced. It started in 1929 and has grown into a worldwide extravaganza. Millions of people
- () into a classic. It also turns Hollywood into a party and paparazzi paradise. The stars turn out looking
- () is run by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which has to maintain strict security of who has won what
- () secrecy. A top international accounting firm has counted the votes for the past seven decades. Only the most talented
- () Feature, which started in 2001. Movie fans in over 100 countries watch on television as the famous
- () to make sure the top professionals in the business decide on the winners. There are up to 25 categories up for
- () The voting for the Academy Awards is very strict and is conducted under the tightest
- () like a million dollars in their designer dresses and suits.
- () people in the movie industry can become a member of the Academy and vote. Membership is by invitation only. This is
- () envelopes are opened with the words, "And the winner is...".
- () tune in each year to see whether their favourite movie, director or actor has picked up the top award. The gold statuette
- () grabs, and up to five nominations can be made in each. The newest award is for Best Animated

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. held presentation annual an industry movie U.S. the by

2. won has who of security strict maintain what

3. tune each Millions people in year of

4. legend a into actor an turn can It

5. a looking turn The million like out stars dollars

6. the most talented people in the movie industry

7. only invitation by is Membership

8. the on the in decide winners professionals business the top

9. Feature Animated Best for is award newest The

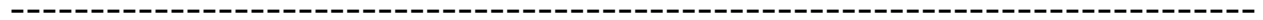
10. 100 in Movie on countries over fans television watch

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE ACADEMY AWARDS SURVEY

Write five questions about Academy Awards in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITING

Write about Academy Awards for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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 more information about Academy Awards. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Academy Awards. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Academy Awards. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.