4C Develop your reading

- **Goal:** understand a magazine article
- **Focus:** understanding paragraph structure

1 a Discuss the questions.

1 What are the Oscars?

2 Who receives Oscar awards?

b Read the first paragraph of the article. What makes the Oscars awards special?

2 Read the Focus box. What does each kind of sentence in a paragraph do?

Understanding paragraph structure

Understanding the structure of a paragraph can help you to read a text more easily. Texts often contain topic sentences, example sentences and conclusion sentences.

Topic sentence

The topic sentence gives the writer's main idea.

When a film is successful it's usually the actors who get all the attention in the media, but at the Oscars this is different.

Example sentence(s)

An example sentence supports the main idea by giving more information, such as examples or reasons.

The actors are just one part of what makes a film successful. Behind the scenes there is a hard-working team that makes it all happen.

Conclusion sentence

A paragraph can also contain a sentence where the writer makes a conclusion which often relates to the example sentences.

They are just as important as the big stars and the Oscars recognise many of these people who we never usually consider.

3 a Read the first sentence of each paragraph in the article and match topics a–e with paragraphs 1–5.

a making the film look perfect

b making everything happen

c the person who tells people what to do

d it's not only about the actors

e designing the actors' clothes

b Read the whole article and check your answers.

4 Read the article again. Are sentences 1–5 true (T) or false (F)? Underline the sentences in the article that help you decide.

1 The actors are more important than the rest of the team.

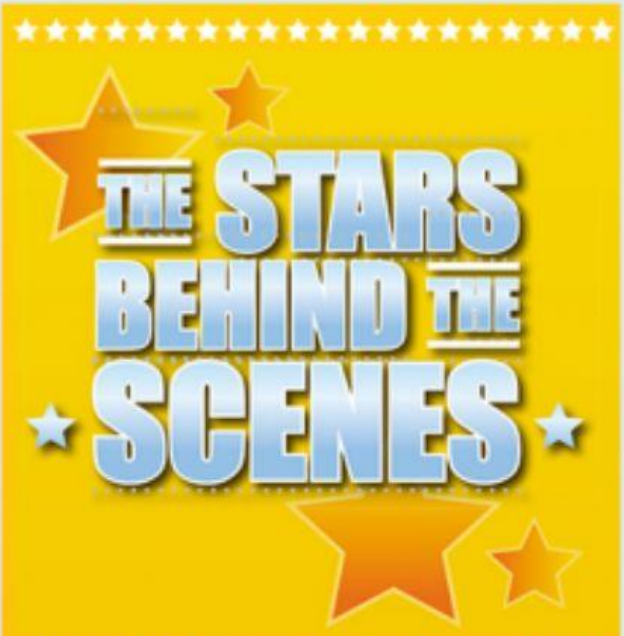
2 Directors only work with the film crew.

3 The photography in a film is not connected to the story.

4 Costume designers need a wide range of skills.

5 The producer's role is only to find the money to pay for the actors.

5 Which of the jobs mentioned in the article do you find the most/least interesting? Why?



[1] When a film is successful, it's usually the actors who get all the attention in the media, but at the Oscars this is different. The actors are just one part of what makes a film successful. Behind the scenes there is a hard-working team that makes it all happen. They are just as important as the big stars and the Oscars recognise many of these people who we never usually consider.

[2] One of the most important people behind the scenes is the director. The director's job is to give directions to the actors and the film crew. However, a director doesn't work alone. He or she needs to work closely with lots of other people behind the scenes.

[3] All films need good photography to help develop the story. The cinematographer is the person who is in charge of shooting the film. He or she makes sure that the photography supports the story. The cinematographer has a lot of responsibility and leads the teams in charge of lighting and cameras.

[4] Another essential person that we often forget about is the costume designer – the person who designs what the actors wear. The costume designer needs to understand exactly what the director wants and design the most suitable costumes. The costumes have to be comfortable so the actors can move easily, but at the same time they need to match the characters the actors are playing. It's a job that requires imagination, research and you have to know how to make things!

[5] It could be said that the most important person in the creation of a film is the producer. Without a producer there would be no film at all! The producer steers the film through all its stages. He or she finds the money to finance the whole film and also works closely with many other people behind the scenes. During the whole filming process, it is the producer's job to make sure that everything goes well.

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