CULTURE

THE FILM INDUSTRY

1 Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1 What's your favourite film?
2 What are some famous films from your country?
3 Who is the most famous film director from your country?

2 Do the film quiz.

FILMquiz

1 **The Lumière brothers made the first ever film. What was the year?**
A 1895 B 1905 C 1959

2 **The first full-length film was *The Story of the Kelly Gang*. Where did they make it?**
A the UK B the USA C Australia

3 **The earliest films were silent. When was the first film with dialogue and music?**
A 1927 B 1957 C 1987

4 **Which famous fictional character has appeared in the most films?**
A Mickey Mouse
B Sherlock Holmes
C James Bond

5 **In which country do people go to the cinema most frequently?**
A Iceland B the USA C Poland



70 **3** Listen and check your answers.

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World film facts:
THE BIG FIVE

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The USA

The biggest films studios in the USA are in Hollywood, California. However, many studios make their films in other states, like New York and Louisiana. Canadian locations, like Vancouver and Toronto, are also popular because it's cheaper to work there. The most renowned film awards in the USA are the

China

Chinese audiences watch many films from the USA, but they have a dynamic national industry too. In the past, Chinese films were often about serious, historical topics, but now studios also make horror films, thrillers, comedies and romances, with Chinese stars, of course! One of the most famous actresses is Yang Mi. She's also a pop singer and fashion model.

Big hits: *Monster Hunt, The Great Wall*

Japan

In the 1950s, Japan became famous for action-adventure films about martial arts, like *Seven Samurai* or *The Hidden Fortress*. In 1954, there was also a very popular film about a giant monster, called *Godzilla*. Audiences loved the film and it started a new trend. In more recent years, animated films, called anime, have become popular, as well as scary horror films about ghosts and other monsters.

Big hits: *Princess Mononoke, The Ring*

The UK

Britain has made some of the world's most popular films, like the James Bond and Harry Potter series. They also make lots of historical films about famous novels, like *Sense and Sensibility* or *Jane Eyre*. If you like detective and crime stories, the Sherlock Holmes films are also terrific. The biggest prizes for British cinema are the BAFTA awards, which take place every year in London.

Big hits: *Casino Royale, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*

India

India makes more films than any other country per year. Many are Bollywood films, which combine love, drama, comedy and action with Indian music and dancing. Indians call them *masala films* because they have so many ingredients, like the masala spices that Indians use for cooking. Bollywood actors usually speak and sing in Hindi, but they often use English phrases too.

Big hits: *Sultan, Chennai Express*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

4 Read the *World film facts* on page 85. Complete the sentences with the names of the countries.

1 _____ makes the most films every year.
2 _____ has got the most cinema screens.
3 _____ celebrates the BAFTA awards.
4 _____ makes the most money in tickets.
5 _____ made Godzilla films popular.

5 Answer the questions about the text.

1 Which of the countries has the fewest screens?

_____ has the fewest screens.

2 Why do Hollywood studios make films in Canada?

Because _____ .

3 What were Chinese films usually about in the past?

They were usually about _____ .

4 When did Japanese samurai films become popular?

They became popular _____ .

5 Why are Bollywood films called *masala films*?

Because _____ , like masala spices.

6 What type of film is *Sense* and *Sensibility*?

It is _____ .

6 Match the highlighted words in the text to the meanings.

1 great, amazing
2 something that becomes popular
3 famous
4 formal celebrations
5 extremely large
6 plant products used to give food a special taste

ceremonies | giant | renowned | spices | terrific | trend

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71 **7** **Listen to Jack's presentation of the Japanese film *The Hidden Fortress*. Which characters in the box does Jack talk about?**

doctors	farmers	general	king
monsters	princess	queen	samurai

71 **8** **Listen again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.**

1 *The Hidden Fortress* was filmed in 1954.
2 All of the locations in the film are in Japan.
3 The story takes place about 200 years ago.
4 General Rokurota protects Princess Yuki.
5 The two farmers are quite serious characters.
6 At first, the film wasn't very popular in Japan.

9 **Read the *Useful language* phrases. Complete them with information about *The Hidden Fortress*.**

USEFUL LANGUAGE

Talking about films

1 It's a film from …
2 The director's name is …
3 It was filmed in …
4 The story takes place …
5 The main characters are …
6 The film won (the award for) …

PROJECT

A presentation about a film

Plan a presentation about a famous film that you like. Go online and find information about it. If possible, find photos and music from the film.

1 Where is it from? What type of film is it?
2 Who directed the film? Where was it filmed?
3 Where and when does the story take place?
4 Who are the main characters in the film?
5 Has the film won any important awards?
6 What do you like the most about the film?

Present your film to the class.

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HISTORY OF HOLLYWOOD ▶ 10



1 **Work with a partner. How much can you remember? Choose the correct option.**

1 The country that makes the most films per year is .....
a the USA **b** India **c** the UK

2 The most famous film awards in the USA are the .....
a BAFTAs **b** Globes **c** Oscars

3 The Harry Potter series of films were made in .....
a the UK **b** the US **c** Canada

4 Anime is a film genre that is popular in .....
a China **b** Japan **c** India

5 The first ever film was made in .....
a 1895 **b** 1906 **c** 1926

2 **Answer the questions with a partner.**

1 What do you know about Hollywood?

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2 Where is Hollywood? .....

3 Why did companies choose to make films in Hollywood and not somewhere else?

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3 ▶ **10** **Watch the video and check your answers to questions 2 and 3 in Activity 2.**

4 ▶ **10** **Watch the video and complete the notes.**

In (1) ..... Hollywood became part of the city of Los Angeles. In (2) ..... the Hollywood sign was built in the hills. It was an (3) ..... for an apartment building called Hollywoodland. In (4) ..... the sign was changed to just Hollywood to represent the whole (5) .....

Hollywood is sometimes called Tinseltown because the movies can be shiny, (6) ..... and unreal just like tinsel.

Today the movie industry is very (7) ..... and it is hard to be (8) ...... Over (9) ..... films are made every year. The Academy Awards ceremony takes place every year to honour the best (10) ....., editors and actors. It takes place in a theatre on Hollywood Boulevard.

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