

Bollywood VS. Hollywood

The Indian Hindi movie industry, which is also known as Bollywood, is the biggest producer of movies in the world. Bollywood movies are watched by over ¹ people a year, and most of that audience still watch those movies in the traditional way—at a movie theater. In fact, in some areas of India, more people go to the movies than ². Here's how Bollywood compares to its American rival:

	HOLLYWOOD	BOLLYWOOD
Where is the industry based?	Los Angeles, U.S.	³ , India
When was the first movie made?	⁴	1913
What are the most popular movies?	action movies, animated movies	⁵ movies
How many movies are made each year?	500–600	⁶
What are the important award ceremonies?	⁷ Golden Globes	Filmfare Awards

- 3 054 Read the Listening strategy and predict the questions that might be asked in an interview about Bollywood. Then listen and check.

Step 2

- 4 054 Listen to an interview about Bollywood movies. Check (✓) the sentences that are true.

- Bollywood movies are only watched in India. ☐
- The plots of Bollywood movies are not usually realistic. ☐
- Bollywood movies often have songs in them. ☐
- Kissing was not very common in Bollywood movies. ☐
- Indian movie audiences are always quiet. ☐

Listening strategy

Predicting questions

When you know you are going to listen to an interview, try to predict some of the questions the interviewer might ask.

Step 3

- 6 **Culture focus** In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- Is there a big movie industry in your country? Where is it based? What type of movies does it make?
- Are there any movies or movie stars from your country that are known in the U.S.?
- In your country, are Hollywood movies more popular than Bollywood movies?