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Bollywood

READING: MOVIES

Saritha is watching a Bollywood movie with her boyfriend Chris. Bollywood movies are filmed in the Hindi language by the film industry based in Mumbai, India. The 'B' in Bollywood comes from 'Bombay', the old name for Mumbai. Traditional Bollywood movies are not meant to be realistic. They are usually musicals with plenty of dance, romance, action and very often violence. The reason for their popularity is that most people in India are poor and these films provide an escape from the reality of their daily lives. For the middle class, they are a way to live out fantasies of falling in love and marrying the man or woman of their dreams. This is not common in a country where their spouses are usually selected for them in what are called 'arranged marriages'. When you watch a traditional Bollywood movie, be prepared for a film, usually not shorter than two and a half hours, whose main purpose is to entertain.

This is Chris' first Bollywood movie. He presses pause and turns to Saritha. "Let me see if I understand this. The 'hero' was just shot six times; fell out of a window on the fourth floor, got on his motorcycle and came back into the building by crashing through the door. He then escapes with the girl and they are now singing and dancing together?"

QUESTIONS:

- 1.- Where do you think Saritha is from?
 - a) From India
 - b) From America
 - c) From Pakistan
 - d) From Australia
- 2.- Why are these films called "Bollywood films"?
 - a) Because the main industry of cinema in India is Bombay.
 - b) Because It is more similar to Hollywood.
 - c) Because it is more easy to say Bollywood
 - d) Because everybody knows the Bollywood cinema.
- 3.- The main purpose in this cinema is:
 - a) to entertain
 - b) to teach how is the marriage in India
 - c) to show how is India
 - d) To make laugh.
- 4.- Is it common for young Indians to fall in love and marry their boyfriends or girlfriends?
 - a) No, it isn't
 - b) Yes, it is
 - c) No, it isn't because Indian people is very traditional in their marriages and they have arranged marriages.
 - d) Yes, they can marry with their girlfriend or boyfriend.
- 5.- Why do you think Chris stopped the movie?
 - a) Because He has probably seen impossible things in movies, but never like this.
 - b) Because he doesn't understand anything.
 - c) Because he doesn't like the film
 - d) Because he doesn't like musical movies.