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Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt at the 2014 Academy Awards, in Hollywood, California.

# Hollywood



## OSCAR: NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD

Read the following article and fill in the blanks by changing the sentences into passive voice. Don't forget to consider the appropriate tense in passive voice construction. After that, listen to the audio and check the answers.

The movie stars are arriving to walk the red carpet to the Dolby Theater. As they are getting out of their limousines, they \_\_\_\_\_ from every angle. The women \_\_\_\_\_ about their choice of gowns, and they \_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ how beautiful they look. People at home are starting to gather around their TVs to see their favorite stars. It's Oscar night in Hollywood. The Dolby Theater will fill up with more than three thousand people from the movie industry and their guests.

If you have seen this show, you know that these awards (also known as the Academy Awards) \_\_\_\_\_ out each year in February or March. A few months before the show, the nominees \_\_\_\_\_. Movie critics often make predictions about who will win in each category.

The awards \_\_\_\_\_ in twenty-four categories: best foreign film, best actor, best music, and best costume, to name a few. But the audience \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ the results quickly. In fact, the show often lasts more than two hours, with suspense building until the last winner \_\_\_\_\_ - the Best Picture of the year. This is how it \_\_\_\_\_ today. But when the awards ceremony started in 1929, only fifteen awards \_\_\_\_\_ and the ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ by only 250 people. Tickets cost \$10 (about \$139 in today's dollars), and anyone who could afford a ticket could attend. Until 1941, the winners' names \_\_\_\_\_ already \_\_\_\_\_ before the ceremony and \_\_\_\_\_ in newspapers the night before. So there was not much suspense. But when television \_\_\_\_\_ and came into more and more people's homes, Oscar night started to become the spectacular show that it is today. Since 1953, Oscar night \_\_\_\_\_ and **broadcast** all over the world. This show \_\_\_\_\_ by millions of people.

1 limousine: a large, expensive car, usually with a driver

2 gown: a long, formal dress for women

3 nominee: a person recommended to receive an award

4 movie critic: a person who reviews and gives opinions about movies

5 suspense: a feeling of anxiety and tension about a future event

6 to broadcast: to send over the radio or the TV

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