

CARS. OSCARS.

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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