

Bollywood: More Than Just Movies

Bollywood, which is the biggest film industry in India, produces over 1,500 movies a year. The name comes from Bombay (now Mumbai), where the industry started, and Hollywood. Unlike Hollywood, where action and sci-fi films dominate, Bollywood is famous for colorful musicals and dramatic love stories.

One of the most influential directors in Bollywood is Rajkumar Hirani, who directed *3 Idiots*, a movie that became a global hit. Another famous director is Sanjay Leela Bhansali, whose films are known for their extravagant sets and costumes. Bollywood movies, which often include singing and dancing, are loved worldwide.

The industry, which started in the early 1900s, is now worth over \$2.5 billion. Many actors, who started in Bollywood, have made their way to Hollywood, including Priyanka Chopra and Irrfan Khan. With its growing international recognition, Bollywood continues to influence cinema around the world.

Comprehension Questions

1. Where did the name Bollywood come from?

2. What are Bollywood movies famous for?

3. Who are two well-known Bollywood directors?

4. How much is Bollywood worth today?

5. Which Bollywood actors have worked in Hollywood?

4. True or False (5 minutes)

1. Bollywood is the biggest film industry in the world. **True/False**
2. Most Bollywood movies are action films. **True/False**
3. *3 Idiots* was a global success. **True/False**
4. The Bollywood film industry started in the 1950s. **True/False**
5. Some Bollywood actors have worked in Hollywood. **True/False**

Defining vs. Non-Defining Relative Clauses

1. Defining Relative Clauses (Essential Information)

- These clauses **give essential information** about a person, thing, or place.
- **No commas** are used.
- We can use **who, which, that, where**.

Examples:

- *The director **who** made *3 Idiots* is Rajkumar Hirani.* (We need this information to know which director.)
- *The movie **that** I watched last night was amazing!* (Without "that I watched last night," we wouldn't know which movie.)

 **Tip:** In spoken English, we often use **that** instead of **who/which**.

2. Non-Defining Relative Clauses (Extra Information)

- These clauses **add extra (non-essential) details**.
- **Always use commas** to separate them.
- We **cannot** use **that** in these clauses.

Examples:

- *Rajkumar Hirani, **who** directed *3 Idiots*, is very famous.* (We already know who he is; the clause just adds extra info.)
- *Bollywood, **which** is known worldwide, produces thousands of films every year.* (We don't need this clause to understand the main idea.)

Quick Rule Summary:

Clause Type	Essential?	Uses Commas?	Can Use "That"?
Defining	Yes	No	Yes
Non-Defining	No	Yes	No

Read the sentences below and decide if they contain a **defining (D)** or **non-defining (ND)** relative clause.

1. The actor **who played the main role in the movie** is very talented. (____)
2. *Slumdog Millionaire*, **which won an Oscar**, was directed by Danny Boyle. (____)
3. The studio **where they filmed the movie** is in Mumbai. (____)
4. My favorite Bollywood actress, **who is Deepika Padukone**, has starred in many hit films. (____)
5. The book **that inspired this movie** is a bestseller. (____)
6. Zoya Akhtar, **who directed Gully Boy**, is one of the most respected directors in Bollywood. (____)
7. The award **which recognizes the best Bollywood films** is called the Filmfare Award. (____)
8. *3 Idiots*, **which became a global success**, was released in 2009. (____)

Grammar Focus: Relative Clauses (who, which, that, where)

Relative clauses help us add extra information about **people, things, or places** without starting a new sentence. They usually begin with **who, which, that, or where**.

1. Who → for people

We use **who** to give more information about a person.

Examples:

- *Rajkumar Hirani, who directed 3 Idiots, is very famous.* (Rajkumar Hirani = a person)
- *Amitabh Bachchan is an actor who has appeared in over 200 films.*
- *My best friend, who loves Bollywood movies, recommended one to me.*

• **Tip:** "Who" replaces a subject pronoun like *he/she/they*, so we don't need to repeat it.

2. Which → for things

We use **which** to give extra details about a thing, object, or concept.

Examples:

- *Bollywood, **which** started in the early 1900s, is a huge industry.*
- *The movie **which** won the most awards last year was a romantic drama.*
- *I love watching Bollywood films, **which** are full of music and dance.*

◆ **Tip:** "Which" is only used for things, not people.

3. That → for people and things

We use **that** for both people and things, especially in **defining relative clauses** (important information).

Examples:

- *The movies **that** Bollywood produces are often musicals.*
- *The director **that** I admire the most is Zoya Akhtar.*
- *The book **that** inspired this movie is very famous.*

◆ **Tip:** In spoken English, we often use **that** instead of **who** or **which** in everyday conversations.

4. Where → for places

We use **where** to refer to a place.

Examples:

- *Mumbai, **where** Bollywood was born, is India's film capital.*
- *I visited a studio **where** they were filming a new movie.*
- *This is the cinema **where** I watched my first Bollywood movie.*

◆ **Tip:** "Where" replaces *in/at/on which*, so we don't need to say *the place where...*

Quick Practice: Fill in the blanks with **who**, **which**, **that**, or **where**

1. The director _____ made *3 Idiots* is Rajkumar Hirani.
2. The movie _____ I watched last night was amazing!
3. This is the place _____ they filmed a famous Bollywood scene.
4. The actor _____ won the award is very talented.

5. The Bollywood industry, _____ is known worldwide, produces thousands of films every year.
6. Sanjay Leela Bhansali is a director _____ makes historical films.
7. Bollywood is an industry _____ has grown worldwide.
8. Priyanka Chopra, _____ is an Indian actress, worked in Hollywood.
9. Mumbai is the city _____ many Bollywood films are shot.
10. *3 Idiots* is a movie _____ became famous worldwide.