THE OSCARS

The film-making industry every year gets together to recognize the most remarkable productions of the year. This reading and listening comprehension activity will help you increase your knowledge about this topic.

A. Listen to the following audio. Then, drag and drop the boxes into the correct blanks.

has been televised	are nominated	were already known	are no longer sold		
is seen	were presented	are not opened	was attended	is chosen	are sent
are presented	are placed				

The Academy Awards **are given** out every year to recognize outstanding work of movie actors, directors, and others who are part of the movie-making industry. These awards, called Oscars, _____ in a formal ceremony in Hollywood. Several people _____ in specific categories, such as Best Movie, Best Actor, Best Music, and Best Costumes. One nominee _____ to receive an award in each category.

When the awards ceremony started in 1929, 15 awards _____ and the ceremony _____ by only 250 people. Tickets cost $10, and anyone who could afford a ticket could attend. Today about two dozen Oscars **are presented.** Tickets _____ to the general public; invitations _____ only to people involved in making the movies and to their guests. Today the awards **are presented** in the 3400-seat Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

Until 1941, the winners' names _____ before the ceremony and **published** in newspapers the night before the ceremony. Now the winners' names _____ in sealed envelopes and the envelopes _____ until the night of the ceremony.

Since 1953, Oscar night _____ and **broadcast** all over the world. This show _____ by hundreds of millions of people. Viewers watch as their favorite movie stars arrive looking beautiful and hopeful.

Did You ***Know?***

Walt Disney has won the most Oscars ever: 26.

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B. Match the synonyms.

Such as	Remarkable
Could afford	Many
Several	Distinction
Nominee	Companions
Viewers	Aspirant
Sealed	Was/were able to pay
Outstanding	Impenetrable
Guests	Spectator
Awards	For example

C. According to the reading, answer to the following questions:

1. Why do you think tickets are no longer sold?
2. How many Oscar ceremonies have been made so far?
3. How many people are part of the "movie-making" industry?
4. Why do you think this US event is interesting for people all over the world?

D. The Oscars in numbers. According to the reading, what do these numbers correspond to?

a. 3400 – it refers to
b. $10 – it refers to
c. 250 – it refers to
d. 1941 – it refers to
e. 1929 – it refers to
f. 1953 – it refers to
g. 15 – it refers to
h. 24 – it refers to

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