UNIT 2

BEST AND WORST

1 Look at the picture. What do you think this event is? Do you know these actors and for which film they received their awards?

2 Look at the words on the topic. Which ones are difficult for you? Use them to describe the picture

to release a movie
to act in a movie
critically acclaimed
box office hit
supporting role
compelling storyline
on-location filming
silver screen magic
actor
director
screenplay
plot
camera
soundtrack
to shoot a film
to edit a scene

3 Look at the words and connect them with their definitions in the table on the left.

a. to make a movie available for public viewing
b. recording scenes at a real place instead of in a studio
c. to modify and arrange recorded footage in order to create a final version of a scene
d. to record scenes for a movie using a camera
e. the sequence of events that make up a story, including the main characters and their actions
f. a movie that is very successful financially
g. a smaller part played by an actor who is not the main character
h. a device used to capture images or videos
i. the enchanting quality of movies as a form of entertainment
j. receiving positive reviews from professional critics

1. plot
2. to release a movie
3. to shoot a film
4. to edit a scene
5. silver screen magic
6. supporting role
7. camera
8. on-location filming
9. box office hit
10. critically acclaimed

4 Look at the title of the text. What do you know about film awards in the USA? Discuss it with your classmate

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Awards in the USA

Awards in the USA are a big deal in the film industry. Every year, actors and filmmakers eagerly await the announcement of the nominees for various awards like the Oscars, Golden Globes, and SAG Awards.

The process of making a movie is complex and involves many people. The plot is the story that the film follows, while the camera captures the action. To shoot a film, the crew must work together to capture all the scenes needed for the final product. Once filming is complete, the footage is edited to create a cohesive scene. This is when the director decides which shots to include and which to cut. Finally, the movie is ready to be released to the public.

Some films are critically acclaimed, meaning they receive high praise from movie critics. Others are box office hits, meaning they make a lot of money at the cinema. Many movies have supporting roles played by lesser-known actors who help bring the story to life.

On-location filming is another important aspect of making a movie. This means that the scenes are filmed in real-life locations rather than on a set. This can add to the realism of the movie and give it a sense of authenticity.

Movies have been a part of American culture for over a century, and the silver screen magic continues to captivate audiences around the world. Winning an award is a great honor for those involved in making a movie, and it's something that many strive for throughout their careers.

5 Answer the questions to the text

1. What are some of the major film awards in the USA?
2. What distinguishes critically acclaimed movies from box office hits, and why might a movie fall into one category or the other?
3. What is on-location filming, and how can it contribute to the authenticity of a movie?
4. How long have movies been a part of American culture, and what is their global appeal?

6 Are the following statements are true or false?

Statements:

1. Awards in the USA are not important in the film industry. T/F
2. The plot is the story that the film follows. T/F
3. The camera is responsible for editing the footage. T/F
4. The director decides which shots to include and which to cut. T/F
5. Once filming is complete, the movie is ready to be released to the public. T/F
6. Critically acclaimed movies are those that make a lot of money at the cinema. T/F

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7 Watch part of the video and make the statements true or false

Video from 1:56 to 2:58 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xpyrefzvTpI&start=116&end=178

Statements:

1. The speaker is thanking the audience for being present. T/F
2. The speaker is accepting an award from the academy. T/F
3. The other nominees this year did not have unbelievable performances. T/F
4. The speaker worked with an unbelievable cast and crew on The Revenant. T/F
5. Tom Hardy's talent on screen is surpassed by his friendship off screen. T/F
6. Alejandro Inuritu is not a talented filmmaker. T/F
7. Chivo did not contribute to the transcendent cinematic experience in The Revenant. T/F
8. The speaker is thanking Fox and New Regency for their support. T/F
9. The speaker is announcing his retirement from acting. T/F
10. The speech was given at the Golden Globe Awards. T/F

8 To summarize, write an essay on one of the topics below using the new vocabulary

General essay topics:

1. Awards are often given based on popularity rather than merit. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this opinion?

2. Some people believe that awards create unnecessary competition and can be demotivating for those who don't win. Is this a positive or negative development?

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