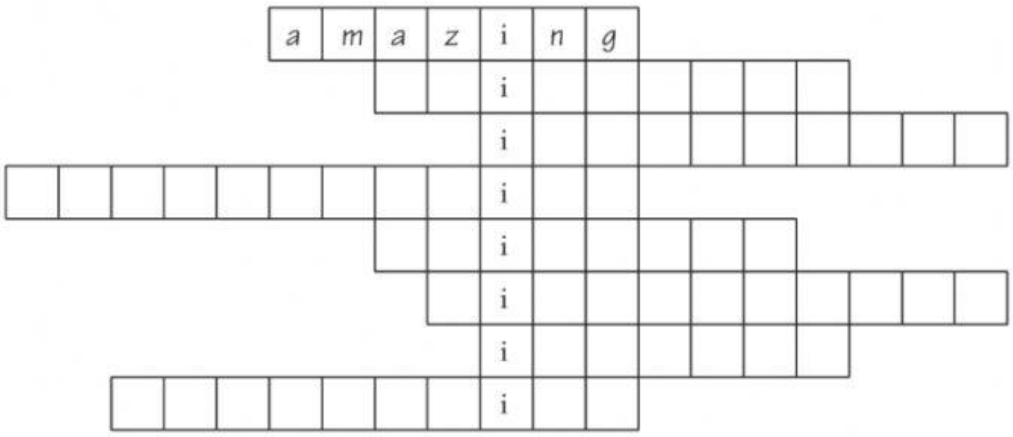
Lessons 7–8 **The Dubai International Film Festival**

1 **Look again at the Speaking tip on page 212 of your Coursebook. Then complete the crossword with the adjectives below. All of the words share the same vowel sound /i/.**

amazing bittersweet breathtaking brilliant gripping impressive incredible intense



3 **Read the text about two young film directors and answer the questions.**

Following the most recent Muhr Awards for Arabic films at the Dubai International Film Festival, two directors are making big headlines. **Both** Nasser Aldhaheri **and** Saeed Salmeen are young Emirati directors who won awards at the festival. Nasser won the prize for Best Director and Saeed for Best Feature Film. Even though they have produced a number of award-winning films in the past, **neither** Saeed **nor** Nasser are famous outside the Arab world. 'Both of us just make films for people to enjoy' said Nasser at a recent press conference. And while neither Saeed nor Nasser seem too worried about fame, that looks set to change in the next year. Hollywood studio bosses are keen to sign them up to make films **either** in The Gulf **or** in the States.

1 What prize did Nasser win at the film festival?
2 Have they ever won prizes before?
3 Why do they make films?
4 Where will their next film projects be?

Nasser Aldhaheri

Saeed Salmeen

b **Look at the words in bold in the text. Match the words below.**

1 *Both*	a *nor*
2 *Either*	b *and*
3 *Neither*	c *or*

c **Read the text again. Are the following true (T) or false (F)?**

1 *Both … and* is followed by the verb in the **plural**. ____
2 *Neither … nor* can be followed by the verb in the **singular**. ____
3 *Either* can be combined with ***or*** and ***nor***. ____