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Hollywood

How was **(0) it** that Hollywood came to be the place everyone associates with the American film industry?

In 1887, Harvey Wilcox, a property developer, bought a house and all the surrounding land on a hillside in southern California. His wife overheard a woman talking on a train about her summer house, **(13)**_____ she called 'Hollywood'. Mrs Wilcox liked the name **(14)**_____ much that she decided to give her new home **(15)**_____ same name. Mr Wilcox then built other houses on his land and used the name for the whole community.

In normal circumstances most people **(16)**_____ never have heard of Hollywood. But between 1908 and 1913 **(17)**_____ else happened. Many small independent film companies began moving to southern California **(18)**_____ two main reasons. Firstly, they were having problems **(19)**_____ the larger, more powerful studios in New York. Secondly, they were attracted by the sunny climate, which let them film throughout the year **(20)**_____ the need for expensive lighting.

Only one studio actually set **(21)**_____ in Hollywood itself, because the local people took legal measures **(22)**_____ prevent any more from arriving. The other studios that came to the area were all built outside Hollywood. Nevertheless, by 1915 'Hollywood' **(23)**_____ become familiar as a term for the movie business **(24)**_____ a whole.

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