THE BIG FIVE

1 The USA
40,000
Cinema screens approximately
$10 billion
Ticket sales / year

2 China
41,000
Cinema screens approximately
$6.6 billion
Ticket sales / year

3 Japan
3,500
Cinema screens approximately
$2.0 billion
Ticket sales / year

4 India
10,000
Cinema screens approximately
$1.9 billion
Ticket sales / year

5 The UK
4,200
Cinema screens approximately
$1.7 billion
Ticket sales / year

The USA

The biggest film studios in the USA are in Hollywood, California. However, many studios make their films in other states, like New York and Louisiana. Canadian locations, like Vancouver and Toronto, are also popular because it's cheaper to work there. The most renowned film awards in the USA are the Golden Globes and the Oscars. Both ceremonies take place in Los Angeles, California.

Big hits: ***Black Panther, Jurassic World***

China

Chinese audiences watch many films from the USA, but they have a dynamic national industry too. In the past, Chinese films were often about serious, historical topics, but now studios also make horror films, thrillers, comedies and romances, with Chinese stars, of course! One of the most famous actresses is Yang Mi. She's also a pop singer and fashion model.

Big hits: ***Monster Hunt, The Great Wall***

Japan

In the 1950s, Japan became famous for action-adventure films about martial arts, like Seven Samurai or The Hidden Fortress. In 1954, there was also a very popular film about a giant monster, called Godzilla. Audiences loved the film and it started a new trend. In more recent years, animated films, called anime, have become popular, as well as scary horror films about ghosts and other monsters.

Big hits: ***Princess Mononoke, The Ring***

India

India makes more films than any other country per year. Many are Bollywood films, which combine love, drama, comedy and action with Indian music and dancing. Indians call them masala films because they have so many ingredients, like the masala spices that Indians use for cooking. Bollywood actors usually speak and sing in Hindi, but they often use English phrases too.

Big hits: ***Sultan, Chennai Express***

The UK

Britain has made some of the world's most popular films, like the James Bond and Harry Potter series. They also make lots of historical films about famous novels, like Sense and Sensibility or Jane Eyre. If you like detective and crime stories, the Sherlock Holmes films are also terrific. The biggest prizes for British cinema are the BAFTA awards, which take place every year in London.

Big hits: ***Casino Royale, Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them***

1. Read the *World film facts* on page 85. Complete the sentences with the names of the countries.

1 _____ makes the most films every year.
2 _____ has got the most cinema screens.
3 _____ celebrates the BAFTA awards.
4 _____ makes the most money in tickets.
5 _____ made Godzilla films popular.

2. Answer the questions about the text.

1 Which of the countries has the fewest screens?
2 What were Chinese films usually about in the past?
3 When did Japanese samurai films become popular?
4 Why are Bollywood films called *masala films*?
5 What type of film is *Sense and Sensibility*?

3. Listen to Jack's presentation. Which characters in the box does Jack talk about?

4. Listen again. Are the sentences true or false?

1 *The Hidden Fortress* was filmed in 1954.
2 All of the locations in the film are in Japan.
3 The story takes place about 200 years ago.
4 General Rokurota protects Princess Yuki.
5 The two farmers are quite serious characters.
6 At first, the film wasn't very popular in Japan.

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