



Reading test “Hollywood”

I. Read the text

In the hills above Los Angeles, you can see the word that millions of people all around the world know: tall, white letters spelling "HOLLYWOOD." It is a famous symbol of the world's movie capital. However, Hollywood wasn't always so well known. In 1853, only a single mud hut stood there. Two decades later, the area just west of Los Angeles was a farming community. It wasn't until the early 1900s that the film industry arrived and changed Hollywood forever.

In 1910, director D.W. Griffith arrived in Los Angeles to film the short movie *In Old California*. He loved filming there and quickly told the others of this great location. Cecil B. De Mille, one of the all-time greatest directors, filmed *The Squaw Man* in Hollywood in 1914. It was the west coast's first full-length movie, a huge success, and the reason why the film industry never left California again.

Nowadays a great number of movie studios are situated here as well as many movie stars have their houses in Hollywood. The Academy Awards are annually held in Hollywood in late February or early March.

The main sightseeing of Hollywood is Hollywood Walk of Fame. It consists of more than 2400 five-pointed stars on the sidewalks along 15 blocks of Hollywood Boulevard. The stars are permanent public monuments for achievements in the entertainment industry. The stars have the names of actors, musicians, directors, producers, musical groups and even fictional characters. Hollywood is a very popular tourist destination.

II. Read the sentences and mark them True or False:

1. Hollywood is situated in Los Angeles. _____
2. The film industry arrived in Hollywood in 1853. _____
3. D. J. Griffith told the world about Hollywood and made it popular. _____
4. The Academy Awards are held once in two years in February and March. _____
5. Many film stars have their houses in the movie studios. _____
6. The main attraction of Hollywood is Walk of Fame. _____
7. You can see five-pointed stars on the walls of the houses along the Walk of Fame. _____

III. Answer the questions:

1. What does HOLLYWOOD symbolize? _____
2. When did the film industry arrive in Hollywood? _____
3. Who made the place popular among filmmakers? _____
4. When are the Academy Awards held? _____
5. What is there on the stars of the Walk of Fame? _____