

# ARBETSBLAD

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## POP REEL 5: HOLLYWOOD AND BOLLYWOOD

*We visit Universal Studios and learn about the film industry and its history. We get to see part of the original sets of War of the Worlds, Pirates of the Caribbean and Spiderman.*

*Bollywood in Mumbai, India, is the largest film producer in India and one of the largest centers of film production in the world with 900 films being produced each year. What is the difference between Hollywood and Bollywood?*

*Whistling Woods International Film School, located in Film City Mumbai, is the best filmmaking school and college in India. The school is also among the top ten film schools in the world, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Young actors from around the world come to Whistling Woods International to study for an acting career in Bollywood.*



## A. LISTEN AND WRITE

Below you will find expressions used in the program. In what context are they used and what do they mean, do you think? Try to figure it out while watching the program, then discuss with a friend to see if you got it right.



Escapism

The Industry

The Chinese Theatre

Bollywood

Hollywood

## B DISCUSS IN CLASS

- What ingredients do you think are necessary in a good movie? Explain! Would you like to work in the entertainment business? Why? Why not?
- Have you ever seen a Bollywood film? In this episode, they mention that “Bollywood movies are escapist”. What do they mean by that? Are the films that you watch escapist? Why? Why not?
- If you were to work in the film making business, what would you like to do? What film genre do you prefer: suspense, romance, horror or action? Give a few examples of really good movies. Explain why you like them!





### C RESEARCH THE WORD/EXPRESSION

What do these words/expressions mean? Work in pairs with one or two expressions and try to see if you can find them on the internet. Then tell each other what your expressions mean.

- ❖ Silent movie: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Glam tram: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Façade: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Backdrop: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Set: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Blockbuster: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Tour guide: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Audition: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Audience: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Entertainment avenue: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Larger than life: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Narrative structure: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- ❖ Harvest festival: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## D EXTRA MATERIAL

- Tell your friend about a good movie that you have seen. This is what you include in your recommendation:
  - The name of the movie, the director and the lead actors.
  - The genre.
  - What is it about? Without spoiling it, tell your friend something about the plot.
  - Why do you like it so much?
  - What other movies could it be compared to?
  
- In pairs write the lyrics of a typical Bollywood movie song! Remember what they said in the programme about Bollywood movies: they are escapist, larger than life, entertaining, emotional, colourful and expressive. You may search the Internet for Bollywood songs to get inspiration! Make your own choreography and perform in class.





## E RADIO POPREEL LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Listen to Radio Popreel and answer the questions.

1. Why did Canadian-born Keshav Uppal choose to study acting in India?
  - a) Because he is from India.
  - b) Because he spent a lot of time watching Indian films when he grew up.
  - c) Because he doesn't like Hollywood movies that much.
  
2. What is it that he likes about being an actor?
  - a) To be busy all the time.
  - b) To have a lot of opportunities to meet new people.
  - c) It forces him to step out of his comfort zone.
  
3. What was the hardest part with moving to India?
  - a) To change his life style.
  - b) To learn the language.
  - c) To get to know new people.
  
4. Where is Whistling Woods situated?
  - a) On a large cricket field near Mumbai.
  - b) In Filmcity in Bollywood, Mumbai.
  - c) Near the city hospital.
  
5. What do the films Slumdog Millionaire and Trainspotting have in common?
  - a) They have the same director.
  - b) They are both set in Bombay.
  - c) They are both about game shows.
  
6. In what way are Bollywood movies changing?
  - a) Now Bollywood also produces a lot of horror movies.
  - b) There is a growing market for smaller productions as well.
  - c) Nowadays Bollywood movies don't have a lot of dancing and singing in them.
  
7. What does George R.R. Martin say about Hollywood?
  - a) Hollywood gives a lot of creative freedom but very small budgets.
  - b) Hollywood gives directors a lot of money, freedom and control over their productions.
  - c) Hollywood pays dump trucks full of money but they also do what they want with the material.

8. George R.R. Martin is positive about The Lord of the Rings trilogy because...
- a) ... he thinks that it comes through in the production that Peter Jackson really loved the material.
  - b) ... he thinks that the acting is amazing.
  - c) ... he thinks that the setting is exactly like he imagined it when he read the books.
9. Why is he surprised that his books became a successful television series?
- a) When he wrote them he expected them to become a film and not a television series.
  - b) He didn't think they could be filmed.
  - c) When he wrote them he hoped for a very expensive and complex production.
10. What problems face an American television writer?
- a) The viewers must want to continue watching after the commercial breaks.
  - b) There are more cliff-hangers in American television series to keep people interested.
  - c) There has to be a lot of new characters coming into the story all the time.





Key to listening comprehension

- 1) b
- 2) c
- 3) a
- 4) b
- 5) a
- 6) b
- 7) c
- 8) a
- 9) b
- 10) a