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Level 0

Academy Awards are 'for white men'

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THE READING

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People say Hollywood is run by "old white men". All 20 of the actors who could win an Oscar this year are white. No woman can win a directing or writing Oscar. There is too little diversity. The members of the academy are 94 per cent white, largely male, with an average age of 62. They decide who gets nominated for an Oscar.

A civil rights campaigner said the Academy is like the Rocky Mountains – "the higher you get, the whiter it gets". The movie nominated for this year's 'Best Picture' is about racism, but no non-white actors are nominated. The president of the Academy said the members do not look at an actor's colour or gender.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-30862139>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. People say Hollywood is run | a. of 62 |
| 2. All 20 | b. this year |
| 3. could win an Oscar | c. or writing Oscar |
| 4. No woman can win a directing | d. 94 per cent white |
| 5. There is too little | e. by "old white men" |
| 6. The members of the academy are | f. gets nominated |
| 7. an average age | g. of the actors |
| 8. They decide who | h. diversity |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A civil rights | a. actors are nominated |
| 2. the Academy is like the | b. of the Academy |
| 3. the higher you get, | c. Rocky Mountains |
| 4. The movie nominated for this | d. campaigner |
| 5. no non-white | e. or gender |
| 6. about | f. the whiter it gets |
| 7. The president | g. racism |
| 8. look at an actor's colour | h. year's 'Best Picture' |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People say Hollywood (1) _____ "old white men". (2) _____ who could win an Oscar this year are white. No woman (3) _____ or writing Oscar. There is (4) _____. The members of the academy are 94 per cent (5) _____, with an average age of 62. They (6) _____ nominated for an Oscar.

A (7) _____ said the Academy is like the Rocky Mountains - "the (8) _____, the whiter it gets".

The movie (9) _____ this year's 'Best Picture' is about racism, (10) _____ actors are nominated.

(11) _____ the Academy said the members do not look at an actor's (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

