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Paris halts filming of action movies after terror attacks

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THE ARTICLE

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Authorities in Paris have halted the filming of scenes from action movies on its streets in the wake of the recent terror attacks. The city is still on high alert following the attack on the magazine Charlie Hebdo and other attacks, which left 20 people dead. Security has been heightened around synagogues, newspaper and broadcasting offices and shopping malls. Armed police and soldiers are clearly visible on the streets. Security measures have now been extended to the movie industry. Paris' police commander Sylvie Barnaud said: "There's a problem with these action-type scenes, as the actors in uniform could be targets for terrorists....Also, the actors could pose confusion for the general public."

Ms Barnaud said she did not know how long the ban would last but feels the time is not right for car chases, fake weapons and pyrotechnics. She said: "I was shocked to hear witnesses of the Charlie Hebdo attacks say on television that it seemed like a movie shoot." One French movie insider said the new restrictions could have an impact on big American productions. She said: "It's not the right moment to do it. Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big scene with police and a shoot-out in the streets...I'm sure it would not have got made." Paris is hosting the annual Film Set Fair this week, hoping to attract big productions. Filmmakers are worried the restrictions could reduce the number of movies filmed in Paris.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-31163424>
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<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/news/paris-bans-filming-of-action-movies-in-wake-of-charlie-hebdo-attacks-10026471.html>

WARM-UPS

1. ACTION MOVIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about action movies. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

filming / action movies / terror attacks / security / armed police / uniforms / confuse / ban / car chases / weapons / pyrotechnics / witnesses / shoot-out / annual / worried

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. MOVIES: How could these be better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Genre	Why are they good?	How could they be better?
Action movies		
Romance		
Sci-fi		
Animation		
Spy movies		
Horror		

4. BAN: Students A **strongly** believe Paris is wrong to ban the filming of action movies because of the terror attacks; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. ACTION MOVIES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about action movies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- actors
- the story
- the locations
- the music
- the car chases
- the fights
- the special effects
- the ending

6. SECURITY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "security". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1502/150209-action-movies.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The French government has banned action movies being made in Paris. T / F
- b. Security has been relaxed in buildings such as shopping malls. T / F
- c. Armed police can easily be seen on the streets. T / F
- d. The police said people could get confused if they saw movie filming. T / F
- e. The police leader said the ban would be for three months. T / F
- f. The ban does not apply to Steven Spielberg movies. T / F
- g. A yearly fair based on film sets will be in Paris this week. T / F
- h. Filmmakers are worried that fewer movies will be made in Paris. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. authorities | a. expanded |
| 2. in the wake of | b. observers |
| 3. heightened | c. following |
| 4. extended | d. imitation |
| 5. pose | e. holding |
| 6. fake | f. officials |
| 7. witnesses | g. present |
| 8. impact | h. lessen |
| 9. hosting | i. effect |
| 10. reduce | j. increased |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. halted the filming of scenes | a. visible on the streets |
| 2. in the wake of the recent | b. alert |
| 3. The city is still on high | c. weapons |
| 4. Security has been heightened | d. moment to do it |
| 5. soldiers are clearly | e. terror attacks |
| 6. she did not know how long | f. filmed in Paris |
| 7. fake | g. from action movies |
| 8. It's not the right | h. out in the streets |
| 9. a shoot- | i. the ban would last |
| 10. reduce the number of movies | j. around synagogues |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1502/150209-action-movies.html>

Authorities in Paris have (1) _____ the filming of scenes from action movies on its streets in the (2) _____ of the recent terror attacks. The city is still on high (3) _____ following the attack on the magazine Charlie Hebdo and other attacks, which left 20 people dead. Security has been (4) _____ around synagogues, newspaper and broadcasting offices and shopping malls. Armed police and soldiers are clearly (5) _____ on the streets. Security measures have now been (6) _____ to the movie industry. Paris' police commander Sylvie Barnaud said: "There's a problem with these action-type (7) _____, as the actors in uniform could be targets for terrorists....Also, the actors could (8) _____ confusion for the general public."

heightened

halted

scenes

alert

extended

pose

wake

visible

Ms Barnaud said she did not know how long the (9) _____ would last but feels the time is not right for car chases, (10) _____ weapons and pyrotechnics. She said: "I was shocked to hear (11) _____ of the Charlie Hebdo attacks say on television that it seemed like a movie shoot." One French movie (12) _____ said the new restrictions could have an (13) _____ on big American productions. She said: "It's not the right moment to do it. Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big scene with police and a (14) _____ in the streets...I'm sure it would not have got made." Paris is hosting the annual Film Set Fair this week, hoping to (15) _____ big productions. Filmmakers are worried the restrictions could (16) _____ the number of movies filmed in Paris.

insider

fake

shoot-out

ban

reduce

impact

attract

witnesses

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) halted the filming of scenes from action movies on its streets _____ the recent terror attacks
 - a. in the wakes of
 - b. in the waking of
 - c. in the wake of
 - d. in the awoke of
- 2) The city is still on high alert _____
 - a. following an attack
 - b. following the attack
 - c. following this attack
 - d. following these attacks
- 3) Security has been heightened _____
 - a. abound synagogues
 - b. a round synagogues
 - c. a bound synagogues
 - d. around synagogues
- 4) Armed police and soldiers are clearly _____
 - a. visible on the streets
 - b. visibility on the streets
 - c. risible on the streets
 - d. divisible on the streets
- 5) the actors in uniform could be targets _____
 - a. from terrorists
 - b. four terrorists
 - c. for terrorists
 - d. fore terrorists
- 6) the time is not right for car chases, _____ pyrotechnics
 - a. faked weapons and
 - b. fakes weapons and
 - c. faking weapons and
 - d. fake weapons and
- 7) the new restrictions could have an _____ American productions
 - a. impact on big
 - b. impact in big
 - c. impact ton big
 - d. impacts on big
- 8) It's not the right _____
 - a. moment to be it
 - b. moment to have it
 - c. moment to film it
 - d. moment to do it
- 9) Paris is hosting the annual Film Set Fair this week, hoping _____ productions
 - a. to attract bigger
 - b. to attract biggest
 - c. to attract big
 - d. to attract bigwigs
- 10) Filmmakers are worried the restrictions could reduce the number _____ Paris
 - a. of movies films in
 - b. of movies filmed in
 - c. of movies filming in
 - d. of movies film in

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Ms Barnaud said she did not know (7) _____ would last but feels the time is not right for car chases, (8) _____ and pyrotechnics. She said: "I was shocked to (9) _____ the Charlie Hebdo attacks say on television that it seemed like a movie shoot." One French movie insider said the new restrictions (10) _____ on big American productions. She said: "It's not the right moment to do it. Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big scene with police and a shoot-out in the streets...I'm sure it would not have got made." Paris is (11) _____ Film Set Fair this week, hoping to attract big productions. Filmmakers are worried the restrictions could reduce the (12) _____ filmed in Paris.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1502/150209-action-movies.html>

1. Who in Paris halted the filming of scenes from action movies?

2. What has happened to security around shopping malls?

3. Where are armed police clearly visible?

4. Who did a police leader say could be targets for terrorists?

5. For whom could the actors in action movie scenes be confusing?

6. How long did Ms Barnaud say the ban would last?

7. Who said the restrictions could impact big American productions?

8. What is Paris hosting this week?

9. What is Paris hoping to attract?

10. Who is worried the number of movies made in France will go down?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1502/150209-action-movies.html>

1. Who in Paris halted the filming of scenes from action movies?
 - a) filmmakers
 - b) authorities
 - c) actors
 - d) the French president
2. What has happened to security around shopping malls?
 - a) nothing
 - b) it has been relaxed
 - c) it has disappeared
 - d) it has been heightened
3. Where are armed police clearly visible?
 - a) on the streets
 - b) in movie theatres
 - c) in action movies
 - d) in police stations
4. Who did a police leader say could be targets for terrorists?
 - a) the general public
 - b) Steven Spielberg
 - c) actors
 - d) Sylvie Barnaud
5. For whom could the actors in action movie scenes be confusing?
 - a) the actors
 - b) the general public
 - c) terrorists
 - d) filmmakers
6. How long did Ms Barnaud say the ban would last?
 - a) she didn't know
 - b) she said as long as it takes
 - c) 3 months
 - d) until the end of the year
7. Who said the restrictions could impact big American productions?
 - a) Sylvie Barnaud
 - b) an actor
 - c) a movie insider
 - d) Steven Spielberg
8. What is Paris hosting this week?
 - a) the Film Set Fair
 - b) the G8 Summit
 - c) a fashion show
 - d) an action movie exhibition
9. What is Paris hoping to attract?
 - a) big productions
 - b) tourists
 - c) movie fans
 - d) restrictions
10. Who is worried the number of movies made in France will go down?
 - a) Sylvie Barnaud
 - b) Steven Spielberg
 - c) the general public
 - d) filmmakers

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The actors

You think the actors are the most important things in an action movie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the music, the story or the special effects.

Role B – The music

You think the music is the most important thing in an action movie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the actors, the story or the special effects.

Role C – The story

You think the story is the most important thing in an action movie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the music, the actors or the special effects.

Role D – The special effects

You think the special effects are the most important things in an action movie. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): the music, the story or the actors.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1502/150209-action-movies.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'action' and 'movie'.

action	movie

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wake• high• around• clearly• scenes• general	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• feels• hear• impact• right• annual• number
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ACTION MOVIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about action movies in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

ACTION MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'movie'?
- 3) What kind of movies do you like?
- 4) What do you think about what you read?
- 5) Are Paris authorities right to ban the filming of action movies?
- 6) Is the ban a victory for the terrorists?
- 7) What kind of security is there in your town?
- 8) Would you be comforted or alarmed at the site of soldiers in the street?
- 9) What could authorities do so the public know it's just a movie?
- 10) Should schools and hospitals also have armed security?

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ACTION MOVIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Do you agree with Ms Barnaud?
- 13) Was the footage of the Charlie Hebdo attack like a movie?
- 14) Would you have imposed the ban if it were your decision?
- 15) Shouldn't all cities ban filming involving fake weapons and pyrotechnics?
- 16) What needs to happen to make the authorities lift the ban?
- 17) How damaging is the ban for Paris?
- 18) How damaging is the ban for the movie industry?
- 19) Should Paris encourage more romantic movies?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the authorities in Paris?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Ms Barnaud said she did not know how long the ban would (7) _____ but feels the time is not right for car chases, fake weapons and pyrotechnics. She said: "I was shocked to hear witnesses of the Charlie Hebdo attacks say (8) _____ television that it seemed like a movie shoot." One French movie insider said the new restrictions could have an impact (9) _____ big American productions. She said: "It's not the right moment to do it. Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big scene with police and a shoot-(10) _____ in the streets...I'm sure it would not have got made." Paris is hosting the annual Film Set Fair this week, (11) _____ to attract big productions. Filmmakers are worried the restrictions could (12) _____ the number of movies filmed in Paris.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) halted | (b) halting | (c) halts | (d) halt |
| 2. | (a) tall | (b) above | (c) high | (d) up |
| 3. | (a) taller | (b) upping | (c) heightened | (d) elevation |
| 4. | (a) clarity | (b) clears | (c) cleared | (d) clearly |
| 5. | (a) type | (b) kind | (c) sort | (d) variety |
| 6. | (a) publicity | (b) public | (c) private | (d) privately |
| 7. | (a) runner-up | (b) second | (c) first | (d) last |
| 8. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) of | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) to | (b) of | (c) on | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) up | (b) out | (c) over | (d) on |
| 11. | (a) hooping | (b) happening | (c) hopping | (d) hoping |
| 12. | (a) deduce | (b) reduce | (c) educe | (d) puce |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. dathle the filming
2. Security has been ithdheegne
3. clearly eiisbly on the streets
4. Security eerssamu
5. the actors in fnmriou
6. the actors could pose unfnsooic

Paragraph 2

7. fake eanwspo and pyrotechnics
8. esswitsen of the Charlie Hebdo attacks
9. the new sretcnsoirti
10. big American psunoocditr
11. a othso-tou in the streets
12. hosting the nunala Film Set Fair

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1502/150209-action-movies.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

()	magazine Charlie Hebdo and other attacks, which left 20 people dead. Security has been heightened
()	Ms Barnaud said she did not know how long the ban would last but feels the time is not right for car
()	sure it would not have got made." Paris is hosting the annual Film Set Fair this week, hoping to attract
()	big productions. Filmmakers are worried the restrictions could reduce the number of movies filmed in Paris.
()	do it. Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big scene with police and a shoot-out in the streets...I'm
(1)	Authorities in Paris have halted the filming of scenes from action movies on its streets in the wake
()	commander Sylvie Barnaud said: "There's a problem with these action-type scenes, as the actors
()	chases, fake weapons and pyrotechnics. She said: "I was shocked to hear witnesses of the Charlie Hebdo attacks
()	say on television that it seemed like a movie shoot." One French movie insider said the new restrictions could
()	in uniform could be targets for terrorists....Also, the actors could pose confusion for the general public."
()	visible on the streets. Security measures have now been extended to the movie industry. Paris' police
()	around synagogues, newspaper and broadcasting offices and shopping malls. Armed police and soldiers are clearly
()	of the recent terror attacks. The city is still on high alert following the attack on the
()	have an impact on big American productions. She said: "It's not the right moment to

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. on its streets The filming of scenes from action movies .

2. city is still on high alert following the attack The .

3. has heightened synagogues Security been around .

4. soldiers visible streets and clearly the Police are on .

5. type There's with - problem action scenes a these .

6. how long the ban would last She did not know .

7. time The chases car for right not is .

8. it got sure have I'm not would made .

9. is hosting the annual Film Set Fair this week Paris .

10. the in number Paris of movies Reduce filmed .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1502/150209-action-movies.html>

Authorities in Paris have *halted / halting* the filming of scenes from action movies on its streets in the *sleep / wake* of the recent terror attacks. The city is still on *high / height* alert following the attack on the magazine Charlie Hebdo and other attacks, which *leaves / left* 20 people dead. Security has *been / being* heightened around synagogues, newspaper and broadcasting offices and shopping malls. *Armed / Arming* police and soldiers are clearly visible on the streets. Security *measurements / measures* have now been extended to the movie industry. Paris' police commander Sylvie Barnaud said: "There's a problem with these *action-type / action-kind* scenes, as the actors in uniform could be targets *from / for* terrorists....Also, the actors could pose confusion for the general *public / private*."

Ms Barnaud said she did not know how long the ban would *lasted / last* but feels the time is not right for car chases, *fake / flake* weapons and pyrotechnics. She said: "I was *shocked / shocking* to hear witnesses of the Charlie Hebdo attacks *say / talk* on television that it seemed like a movie shoot." One French movie insider said the new restrictions could have an *impact / compact* on big American productions. She said: "It's not the right *moment / momentum* to do it. Even if Steven Spielberg wanted to film a big *scene / scenery* with police and a shoot-out in the streets...I'm sure it would not have got *making / made*." Paris is hosting the annual Film Set Fair this week, hoping to *attraction / attract* big productions. Filmmakers are worried the restrictions could *reduce / deduce* the number of movies filmed in Paris.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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__th_r_t__s __n P_r_s h_v__ h_l_t_d th__ f_lm_ng __f
sc_n_s fr_m ct__n m_v__s __n ts str__ts __n th__ w_k__
__f th__ r_c_nt t_rr_r__tt_cks. Th__ c_ty __s st_ll __n h_gh
__l_rt f_ll_w_ng th__ __tt_ck __n th__ m_g_z_n__ Ch_rl__
H_bd__nd__th_r__tt_cks, wh_ch l_ft 20 p__pl__d__d.
S_c_r_ty h_s b__n h__ght_n_d __r__nd syn_g_g__s,
n_wsp_p_r__nd br__dc_st_ng __ff_c_s __nd sh_pp_ng
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m_v__ sh__t." __n Fr_nch m_v__ __ns_d_r s__d th__
n_w_r_str_ct__ns c__ld h_v__ __n __mp_ct __n b_g
__m_r_c_n pr_d_ct__ns. Sh__s__d: "__t's n_t th__ r_gh_t
m__m_nt t__d__t. __v_n __f St_v_n Sp__l_b_rg w_nt_d t__
f_lm __ b_g sc_n__w_th p_l_c__nd __sh__t__t__n th__
str__ts... 'm s_r__t w__ld n_t h_v__g_t m_d__." P_r_s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ACADEMIC WRITING

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Compare and contrast action movies and romantic movies. Which are better? Why?

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about action movies. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. PYROTECHNICS: Make a poster about pyrotechnics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. THE BAN: Write a magazine article about the ban on filming action movies in Paris. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to the head of police in Paris. Ask her three questions about the ban on filming action movies. Give her three pieces of advice on what to do from now. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b F c T d T e F f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. authorities | a. officials |
| 2. in the wake of | b. following |
| 3. heightened | c. increased |
| 4. extended | d. expanded |
| 5. pose | e. present |
| 6. fake | f. imitation |
| 7. witnesses | g. observers |
| 8. impact | h. effect |
| 9. hosting | i. holding |
| 10. reduce | j. lessen |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Authorities
2. It has heightened
3. On the streets
4. Actors
5. The general public
6. She didn't know
7. A French movie insider
8. The annual Film Fair Set
9. Big productions
10. Filmmakers

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)